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SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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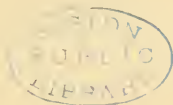
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PREFACE.

ASHLEY is becoming a not uncommon name in the United States. Besides the descendants of the Ashleys who settled here before the year 1700, many others have arrived since from England, while numbers have crossed over from Canada, some of the latter having merely assumed the name.

To set forth the difficulties encountered in the compilation of this Genealogy, would give no new facts to the genealogist or interest others, so a detailed account of them and the various sources of information made use of is unnecessary. The compiler will say, however, that all statements contained in this Genealogy are the result of personal examination of public records or are based on correspondence with members of the family. The names and dates in the family registers are printed exactly as they appear on record or in the letters received, as the proof sheets were compared with the compiler's original notes and the aforesaid letters. A few typographical errors, the only ones it is hoped, are corrected on page 408.

The facts concerning the earlier generations of the family were collected by the compiler by means of a personal search of the public records; in the later generations he has had to depend for the most part, naturally, on correspondence. Very little, and that for the most part untrustworthy, has appeared in print about Robert Ashley and his descendants. The names and dates obtained by correspondence have not always been distinctly written, and in some instances both names and dates have been given differently in the same letter or in subsequent

letters. Again, the dates given in town, church and probate records, or on gravestones, are found frequently to differ from each other and from those which appear in the family record. In such cases the compiler has endeavored to reconcile conflicting dates, and, when that was impossible, has printed the different dates in foot-notes. The compiler has searched the public records diligently for the few dates that are missing in the earlier generations, and his correspondents know how earnestly he has written them to supply even the most trifling details in the history of the later generations. He has made a special, and he thinks a successful, effort to get particulars as to the birth and parentage of the Ashley mothers, and he thinks no other printed family history contains as full an account of its members' services in the colonial wars.

The descendants of Robert Ashley are very numerous. This book is intended to record the history of those in the male line, and that a few families are not carried down to the present generation is not the fault of the compiler, but is to be attributed to the indifference of the members of such families. To have followed out the history of the female lines would have made not only so large a volume that it could not have been sold within the means of most of the family, but would have to have been largely a reprint of genealogies already published or to have anticipated others in preparation.

It will be seen that the pioneer work of the family has been done by the descendants of the oldest son of the Settler, and they have been by far the most numerous and are spread widely over the country. The descendants of the two other sons have lived, with a few exceptions, within a few miles of their birthplaces; those of the second in Windham and Tolland Counties, Conn., and those of the third in Hampden County, Mass. The descendants of the oldest son, himself a settler of Westfield, Mass., have been conspicuous for their enterprise as pioneer settlers—first in the rich valley of the Housatonic at

Sheffield ; up that river as far as Pittsfield ; into New Hampshire and Vermont ; over into Northern, Central and Western New York, whither others of the family also emigrated from their Massachusetts birthplaces ; into Western Pennsylvania ; through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin ; across the Mississippi into Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, Minnesota and Dakota ; and Westward over the plains of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas ; through Colorado and Utah to California, Oregon and Washington ; until, at the present time, the descendants of Robert Ashley are found in nearly every State in the Union.

At all periods of our country's history the Ashleys have been noted for their patriotism. When danger threatened, they have been among the first to take up arms to oppose foreign invasion and suppress domestic treason ; and in all other movements, civil, educational or religious, which laid the foundation of American society, they have done their part well.

The compiler with regret has drawn his labor to a close, thankful that it has been his privilege to gather from the fast crumbling records of the past, and record in this comparatively enduring form the genealogy and history of a family whose ancestors have left a record worthy of imitation by their descendants.

FRANCIS BACON TROWBRIDGE.

New Haven, Conn., July, 1896.

COAT OF ARMS.

The picture of the coat of arms on the opposite page is taken from a painting which has been owned by the Massachusetts branch of the family for over a hundred years. It is the arms of Ashley of Lowesby, County Leicester, England, and is: Argent a lion rampant sable crowned or. The compiler will not put himself on record as the authority for the use of these arms by descendants of Robert Ashley, as he has been unable to prove that the Settler sprung from that family.

As the compiler has spent several hundred dollars more than he can hope to get back from the sale of this Genealogy, and as no member of the family volunteered to share the expense of an exhaustive search of the records in England, investigation in that direction had to be abandoned. At some future time, doubtless, some one will be found who will feel sufficient interest in the subject to visit England, and search out the birth and parentage of Robert Ashley.



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ABBREVIATIONS.

Arch.	Archives.	Lev.	Leverett.
b.	born.	m.	married.
bapt.	baptized.	N.-E.	New England.
Berks.	Berkshire.	Nor.	Norwich.
Ch.	Church.	North.	Northfield.
Co.	County.	Pitts.	Pittsfield.
cp.	compare.	Prob.	Probate.
d.	died.	Rec.	Record.
dan.	daughter.	Reg.	Register, Registry.
Deer.	Deerfield.	Rev.	Revolutionary.
Dist.	District.	Shef.	Sheffield.
fam.	family.	So.	Southern.
Frank.	Franklin.	Spring.	Springfield.
Geneal.	Genealogical.	Suf.	Suffield.
gr. st.	gravestone.	Sund.	Sunderland.
Hampsh.	Hampshire.	T.	Town.
Hart.	Hartford.	vol.	volume.
Hist.	Historical.	W.	West.
Inst.	Institute.	West.	Westfield.
intent.	intention.	Winch.	Winchester.
Leb.	Lebanon.	Wind.	Windham.

And the usual abbreviations for the States, months and titles.

ROBERT ASHLEY

OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

ROBERT ASHLEY.

1. ROBERT ASHLEY first appears on record as a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts, January 13, 1638-9, when there was a rating of £40 agreed upon to meet a portion of the expense of the minister's residence and maintenance. Robert Ashley's disbursement was £1 for the former and 16 shillings for the latter, being the fifth in amount on the list.* This shows that Robert Ashley must have been in Springfield in 1638.

The first participation of Robert Ashley in the allotment of lands on record was on January 5, 1640-1, when "It is ordered that these psons underwritten shall have theyr lotts for y^e 2d Division of plantinge ground granted them accordinge to y^e number of acres and order of place as is under neath written. w^{ch} is to be measured out by the first of Aprill next, pvided that those y^t have broaken up ground there shall have allowance for it as 2 indifferent men shall judge equall. Single psons are to have 8 rod in bredth, maryed psons 10 rod in bredth, bigger familys 12 rod, to begin upward at the edge of y^e hill." [Chestnut Street.] Robert Ashley had lot No. 3, of 8 rods, he being unmarried, situated between Widow Searle and John Dibble.

The next mention of Robert Ashley of importance is on pages 19 and 20 of the records of Mr. Pynchon, which contain the following instrument:

"August 7, 1641. Know all men that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended between the widdow Horton & Robert Ashly, both of Springfield. That the said widdow Horton in the p'sence of Robert Ashly doth assigne & set over her house & house lott containing about

* Coming next to Mr. Pynchon (founder of Springfield), Mr. Holyoke (whose son married a daughter of Mr. Pynchon), Mr. Moxon (the minister) and Henry Smith (Mr. Pynchon's son-in-law).

eleven akers & 4 aker of woodland afore the house Eastward all w^{ch} is valued now at twelwe pounce : & all [soe] her hogges litle & grate w^{ch} are valued at eighteene pounce all together are valued at Thirty pounce, into the hande of Robert Ashly for the use & behofe of her two sonns one sucking and the other about three yearesould caled Jarmy to be paid to them that is to say to eather of them fifteen pounds apeice when they shall come to the age of Twenty & one yerres : & the said Robert is to have the use & profits of the said land & hogges for the educatinge of her said Two sonnes ; and when they shall come to the age of 13 or 14 yeares the said Robert doth promise to put them out as apprentices to some usefull trade such as they shall like of : & if they cannot be put out without a portion of money, then so much is to be deducted out of their portion of 15^{lb} apiece as shall be indifferently judged fitt for their bynding out : & the rest of y^r said 15^{lb} a piece the said Robert doth bynd himself his land goods & cattell to pay to them when they shall come to the age of 21 yeeres : and in the meane tyme doth bynd himselfe to maintaine the present house & fencing & if he shall leave it in better case than it is at present then he that shall enjoy it shall pay such cost as shall be judged to make it better for his use by indifferent p^{ties} & if one of the two sonns of the widdow Horton shall die before the age of 21 yeares then the other shall share his portion also : And the widdow Horton being present before me at the wrighting hereof doth acknowledge that this is her will & meaning & that she is fully consenting to what is above expressed, & the said Robert Ashly being also present doth acknowledge that he is fully consenting to all that is above expressed : and upon this their mutuall Consent I have given them leave & liberty to proceed in marriage when they please : and the Inventory of her goods I have hereunto anexed as they were appraised under the hand of Samuel Wright & Samuel Hubbard.

WILLIAM PYNCHON.

An Inventory of the Goods & Cattell of the widow Horton of Springfield this first July 1641 we whose names are under written do value & appraise as followeth :

Imprimis for all her linnen, brasse, pewter, beddinge, vessels	
& other implements	£17. 0. 0.
her hoggs litle & great as they were rated by the appraisers	
of the Town rate	18. 0. 0.
her house & house lot	12. 0. 0.
SAMUEL WRIGHT,	
SAMUEL HUBBARD.	

Robert Ashly was sworne at Springfield this 24 day of ye 10 Month 1641."

Although the marriage of Robert Ashley and the widow Horton is not recorded in the Springfield records, there is little doubt that it was actually consummated, for it is known

that he married about 1641, that his wife bore the christian name Mary, and that after 1641 the widow Horton's name disappears from the records. She was the widow of Thomas Horton of Springfield, who had died the previous summer, leaving her with two children, one three years old and the other an infant.*

The home lots of the inhabitants were laid out on the west side of what is now Main Street, extending to the Connecticut River. On the east side of Main Street was the "wet meadow," which was allotted each inhabitant in the same width and just opposite to his home lot, and running 40 rods to the foot of the hill. Adjoining the wet meadow on its eastern end was also given a wood lot 80 rods in length and 8 rods in width. Robert Ashley's home lot was on what is now the northwest corner of Main and State streets and extended down to the river, Francis Ball being his neighbor on the north and John Leonard on the south. His "wet meadow" and "wood lots," just opposite, extended back along State Street to what is now Spring Street. His land in the "planting grounds" was across the Connecticut River, and between it and Agawam River.† On "A rate made the 6th of May, 1644, for the payinge of £20 in part of payment for y^e Indian purchas of y^e land of y^e Plantation," Robert Ashley paid 15s, the fifth in amount. There were but four other inhabitants, Mr. Pynchon, Mr. Holyoke, Mr. Moxon and Henry Smith, who owned more land than Robert Ashley did at this time, and in 1647 he was taxed on 51 acres.

Robert Ashley, like most of the inhabitants, was chiefly occupied with agriculture. His ear mark for his cattle was "in the off ear a slit cut in the under side or back side of the ear (not at y^e top of y^e ear), but toward y^e root of y^e ear, the slit is but a little slanting outward toward y^e root of y^e ear."

THE LANDS OF ROBERT ASHLEY.

"Robt. Ashley is possessed of a home lott by the grant of the Plantation with the additions viz, 4 acres more or less. Bredth 8 rod. Length 80 rod. Extending from the street fence to y^e greate river. Bounded

* See Introduction.

† The compiler is indebted to Mr. Henry M. Burt for his map of early Springfield and the account of its early settlers given in his "Henry Burt of Springfield."

North, Benj: Mun. South, Jn^o Lenard. In the same line eastward opposite to his house lott 2 acres of wet meddow more or less of the same bredth."*

"April 6, 1643. A list of y^e alotments of planting lotts as they were cast with y^e order how men doe fall begininge at y^e ends of y^e 80 rod lotts y^t face to y^e Greate River. Mr. Moxon is to have y^e first by consent of y^e Plantation." Robert Ashley was No. 12 with 17 acres, the fourth largest allotment, Mr. Pynchon being No. 11 with 80 acres and John Leonard No. 13 with 9 acres.

"Lotts cast for meddow ground on Agawam side where is 2 pts of y^e quantity to be divided." Robert Ashley was No. 19 with 4½ acres, the fifth in amount.

"Lotts on y^e other side of y^e greate river for meddows." Robert Ashley was No. 4 with 2¼ acres, the fifth in amount.

"March 15, 1653. Also by purchase fro : John Leonard of a parcel of meddow lying in y^e woods beyond y^e Swan pond on y^e left hand of y^e Bay path, being four acres more or less. James Bridgman having the like quantity there."

"In the Plain a Lott of 18 or 19 acres more or less, lying in a triangle. The breadth from the mouth of the 3 Corner brook upwards is 68 rod. from the Greate River to y^e front 64 rod, bounded south by y^e Brook north by Benj^a Mun."

"Over the Greate River a Meddow Lott 2 acres and a quarter. Breadth 4 rod ½, length 80 rod up to y^e Swamp. Bounded South by Jona. Burt, North Mr. Pynchon."

"In the Long meddow a planting Lott bought of the Widow Johns, being 6 acres more or less. Breadth—rod, length extending from the Greate River to y^e back fence East."

"Also fro: Jn^o Leonard of a meddow lott over y^e Greate River of one acre and half more or less. Breadth 9 rod, Length 30 rod, Bounded North Tho: Cooper, South Jn^o Clarke." Recorded March 15, 1653.

"January 2, 1655. There is granted to Robert Ashley four acres of wet meddow and other land w^{ch} he is to take as it falls wet meddow and other land to go there one with another which is to lye above Abell Wright and to run fro: y^e Highway y^t goes up to y^e Round Hill eastward to y^e brow of y^e further hill, viz: to y^e hither end of y^e woodlots. This granted upon condition he continues 5 years in Town or else to leve it and . . . not to hinder a cartway, but that it is to take place where it shall be most convenient over y^e meddow and through y^e low land."

"Also by Grant of the Plantation of nine acres more or less lying on the next brook that runs into the Greate River below Agawam River, lying in two places. The upper parcel bounded North by James Warriner and South by Leiu^t Cooper, and the lower parcel bounded North by Leiu^t Cooper and south by James Warriner." He conveyed this to John Scott.

* See Proprietors Records of Possessions, p. 13, and Town Records, vol. 1, pp. 32-3, for Robert Ashley's lands.

“Also by Purchase from Rice Bedortha of five acres of wet meadow on y^e Mill River, Bounded by Robert Ashley South, by Tho. Mirick North. Also by Purchase from Tho. Miller of five acres and half more or less of wet meadow, Breadth 10 rod $\frac{1}{2}$, bounded by Miles Morgan South, by Samuel Terry North.” Recorded September 29, 1656.

“February 1, 1657. Robert Ashley is possessed of a Houselot by the Grant of the Plantation wth the addition viz: 4 acres more or less. Breadth 8 rod, Length 80 rod, Extending from the Street fence to the Greate River. Bounded North Benjamin Mun, South Jn^o. Lonard. In the same line eastward oposite to his Houselott 2 acres of, wet meadow more or less of the same breadth, wth a woodlott of 4 acres more or less, extending in length from y^e wet meadow 80 rod Eastward. Breadth 8 rod, Bounded North by Benjamin Mun, South y^e Highway. This woodlott y^e Running of it is turned and now it points upon y^e Highway to y^e Bay on y^e South and Runs back Northward 39 rod in length, y^e breadth of it is 16 rod and half, and it is bounded on y^e West by Rowland Thomas, on y^e East by Simon Beamon. On y^e other side y^e Greate River oposite to his Houselott 4 acres more or less, Breadth 8 rod, length 80 rod, Extending from the Greate River west to Agawam River, Bounded North Benjamin Mun, South John Leonard.” He conveyed this to Samuel Marshfield.

“Robert Ashley is Possessed by Purchase from Sam^l Marshfield (which he bought of Abel Wright) of three acres of Wet meadow more or less, breadth 6 rod, length 80, adjoyning to Robert Ashley’s wet meadow granted from y^e Town, this lying on y^e south of that, together with a woodlott of four acres, breadth 8 rod, length 80 bounded by —, together with one acre of wet meadow and low land lying under the Round Hill, breadth 2 rod, length 80 and better, bounded by Richard Fellows North, by y^e Town lot South. Together with a Homelot (which was Samuel Ferry’s) of three acres Southward of y^e Round Hill. Breadth 10 rod. Length 50, bounded by a Lot y^t was Hugh Dudley’s North and John Stewarts South.” Recorded February 2, 1657.

“Also by Purchase from Samuel Ferry of three acres of wet meadow more or less. Breadth 6 rod, Length 80, bounded by y^e land purchased of Tho: Miller South, by John Dumbleton North.” Recorded September 18, 1657.

“Also by y^e Grant of y^e Plantation of four acres of wet meadow more or less, Breadth 8 rod, Length 80, fro: y^e Highway y^t goes under y^e Round Hill eastward to y^e woodlots, bounded by Tho: Cooper North, by Sam^l Marshfield South.” Recorded September 18, 1657.

“Also by Purchase from Richard Fellows of three acres more or less on this side y^e Round Hill in y^e Plain, Breadth 10 rod, Length 50, adjoyning to Robert Ashleys 3 acres afores^d w^{ch} lyes on ye South side of it, and bounded by Tho: Stebbins North.” Recorded January 20, 1659.

“Also by Purchase from John Riley of a Parcel of Land in Chickuppee Plain on y^e West side of y^e Great River, containing three and forty acres more or less. Breadth 42 rod, length back fro: y^e Great River west to Jonathan Taylor’s land, Bounded South by Francis Pepper, North by John Dumbleton.” Recorded October 18, 1660.

"February 12, 1660. There is also granted unto Ensign Cooper, Robert Ashley, Samuell Marshfield and James Warriner all the meddow y^t lyes uppon the North Branch of the next brook y^e runs into the Greate River below Agawam River, the said 4 persons are to share equally those meddows amongst them, themselves also are to agree where each man's share shall lye."

"Also by Purchase from John Dumbleton of four and twenty acres of Land more or less in y^e Plain called Chickuppee Plain on y^e West side of the Great River, w^{ch} 24 acres is 19 rod and $\frac{1}{2}$ in Breadth and 20 rod in Length, Bounded by Robert Ashley's own land on y^e South, and by y^e Commons on y^e North." Recorded January 1, 1661.

"February 19, 1661. There is granted to Robert Ashley a house lott of five acres between ye two brookes below Chickuppee Playne on y^e West side of the Greate River provided that he build and dwell there, or that he dispose not of the lott but to such as shall build and dwell there. This land is bounded, North by John Bagg's homelot 33 rods, South by a way of 1 rod in width that leads to Mr. Pynchon's land bought of Joseph Crowfoot 41 rods, East by a slip of land bought by Robert Ashley of William Brooks which lies by the River, and West by y^e highway which leads to y^e said Plain." Later four acres were added on the opposite side of the road.

"March 16, 1661. There is granted to Robert Ashley six acres of meddow on the back side of Chickuppee Playne within 2 or 3 mile of y^e Great River where he can find soe much undisposed of." "There is granted to Robert Ashley liberty to build on his land towards y^e round hill."

"There is granted to Captain Pynchon, Robert Ashley and George Colton that share of upland at Woronoco Meddow that was formerly granted to Jonathan and John Gilbert who forfeited their grant of these lands. These lands thus granted are all the low lands between y^e River and the hills on y^e Northeasterly side of Woronock River, and this grant is upon condition that these lands be confirmed to y^e Towne by the Gen^l Corte and that the grantees doe buy out the Indians' right in the said lands here granted."

"February 6, 1664. There is also granted to Robert Ashley four acres woodlot next beyond Samuel Ferry's woodlot" [in the west meadow].

"February 1, 1665. Robert Ashley desiring y^t y^e four acre woodlot which was granted him next beyond Samuel Ferry's woodlot last February, 1664, may have an addition to it, so that he may have eight or ten acres there in all, his desire is granted, viz^t: that his woodlot there shall be in all eight acres, to run in length 30 rods as y^e other woodlots doe and so to be y^e more in breadth, only there is just to be three rod broad left common for a highway to be disposed for passage to y^e woods, either there or lower as shall be most convenient."

Robert Ashley was licensed to keep the ordinary in 1646.* On January 22, 1651-2, he received a grant of land on Mill

* "Springfield, 1636-1886."

River on condition that he should keep the ordinary. He consented to keep it, and was so engaged for several years. Keeping the ordinary or inn in those days was a highly respectable position and was only filled by those who were considered responsible persons.

“January 22, 1651. There is granted to Robert Ashley three acres and half of meddow upon y^e Mill River begining lowermost on y^e South-east branch, and so going up to y^e little brooke and then upward to y^e 16 Acres, and so over to y^e North branch at y^e upper end, and then come downeward, and lastly to y^e lake or pond. But one acre and half of it is given in relation to his keeping y^e ordinary, and he is to leave it into y^e Town's hands whenever he shall cease to keepe y^e ordinary, and he to enjoy 2 acres, at most but 2 acres and half.”*

The keeper of the ordinary was under the supervision of the town's officers and was placed under certain restrictions.

“The copy of an order of restraynt to Robert Ashley and his wife forbiddinge them to sell wine or strong waters to the Indians sent to them the 27 June 1655.

To Robert Ashley and his wife keepers of the ordinary in Springfield :

Whereas it is famously known how the Indians abuse themselves by excessive drinking of strong liquors whereby God is greivously dishonored, and the peace of this Plantation in great danger to be broken :

And whereas you have noe Lycence formally and according to Law to sell eyther wine or stronge waters to English or Indians :

These are therefore to will and require you upon yo^r perill that you henceforth forbear to sell eyther wine or strong waters to any Indians, though for selling to the English wee would not restrayne you, but doe allow y^eof :

Springfield June 27, 1655.

This was signed by y^e commission's of this town.”†

Robert Ashley resigned his position of keeper of the ordinary, probably, in the fall of 1660, for on December 31st of that year Samuel Marshfield was appointed to keep it.

“December 31, 1660. Whereas there was one acre of meddow on y^e Mill River w^{ch} Goodman Ashley had in relation to his keeping of y^e ordinary, and he was to leave it into y^e Towne's hands whenever he should cease to keepe y^e ordinary : He having given over y^e ordinary, and 1 acre of meddow more or less now falling into y^e Towne's hands, it is ordered that Samuel Marshfield who now keeps y^e ordinary shall have it.”

* Town Records, vol. 1, p. 107.

† Pynchon Records.

By this time, as has been seen, Robert Ashley had become by means of grant and purchase an extensive owner of land on the west side of the Connecticut River in what is now West Springfield. His house lot there had been granted him in February, 1661, "provided that he build and dwell there," and in March he had "liberty to build on his land towards y^e round hill." He probably built his house on it soon after this, and lived there the remaining twenty years of his life.

Robert Ashley probably placed his house on the hillside to the west of that part of West Springfield now known as Riverdale. Tradition says that all the earliest settlers built their houses along the hill for fear that floods would cover the plain below. This plain stretches about two miles to the north from Meeting-house Hill and was the first part of West Springfield to be cultivated.

Robert Ashley was employed considerably in the public service. He was called frequently to serve as jurymen, his first appearance in the records of the court being on January 2, 1639-40, when he was on the jury that tried Mr. Moxon's slander suit against John Woodcock. He also served as juror at the courts held at Springfield, February 13, 1639-40, and March 1, 1654, and those held in the month of September in the years 1661, 1662, 1664, 1667 and 1670. His life seems to have been given but little to litigation, and the following extracts contain the only mention that has been found of Robert Ashley either as plaintiff or defendant.

"December 24, 1640. It is ordered and voted that whereas Henry Grigory, John Leonard and Robert Ashley have contrary to an order formerly made sold away theyre cannoes, they have therefor liberty granted them to redeme and bringe y^m into the Plantation agayne untill the 15th of May next, and in case of defect herein they shall be Lyable to the forfeiture y^t is expressed in the order dated Febr. 14th, 1638." [Cancelled.] This order was that no inhabitant should sell his canoe to outside parties.

On February 15, 1641, Robert Ashley entered a complaint against John Woodcock for not delivering to him a gun for which he had paid twenty-two shillings. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of twenty-two shillings and costs, amounting in all to twenty-six shillings.

"In Answare to a Peti[t]ijon of Robert Ashley of Springfield for Satisfaction for a horse killed by a Neapanett Indian the last yeare: The Commissioners being informed by Mr. Pinchon that the said Indian liveth att

Quabage under the Sachem Annoackamor doth thinke twenty pounds should bee demaunded of the said Sachem or the man that killed the horse to bee delivered into the hands of the said Ashley to bee kept by him and disposed of as hee sees cause. Mr. Pinchon is desired to take care that Satisfaction bee demaunded, and the ptie cecured if there bee oportunitie, which if hee cannot attaine, wee desire the Massachusetts Government to effect the same as they shall see cause.*

On September 27, 1659, Robert Ashley entered a complaint against Richard Fellows "for detayning a sword from him. The sword and damages he reckons at forty shillings." In this action the plaintiff withdrew his charge "promising to pay the costs of the costs."

On September 29, 1663, Robert Ashley and Miles Morgan complain against John Scott, John Riley, William Brooks and William Morgan for violating town orders. On September 25, 1660, Miles Morgan had sued Robert Ashley for wrongfully impounding his swine.

In the transactions of the town Robert Ashley appears rather prominently.

"November 3^d, 1646, Robert Ashley and Miles Morgan are chosen by y^e towne to y^e oversight of y^e fences of y^e house lotts and y^e greate playne according as they shall be directed by y^e townsmen."

"November 5th, 1650. William Warriner and Robert Ashley chosen overseers of fences for y^e fields p^rtayninge to y^e upper p^t of the towne from y^e meeting house upward."

"November 4th, 1651. Robert Ashley and Nathaniel Bliss were chosen surveyors of highways for the year ensuing." He was also chosen to this office the following year and in 1667.

In 1653, at the reorganization of the town by the younger men, Robert Ashley was chosen one of the five selectmen.

"November 1, 1653. At a Town meeting it was concluded to make choise of five Townsmen, viz: George Colton, Robert Ashley, Tho: Cooper, Benja. Cooly and Tho: Stebbins who are to order y^e prudential affairs of y^e Town for y^e year ensuing."

Robert Ashley was reëlected annually until 1659, and in 1660, 1662 and 1665, being first selectman in 1657. In 1655 he with two of the others refused to serve and they were fined twenty shillings apiece.

Robert Ashley took the oath of fidelity March 23, 1655-6.

* "Acts of the Commissioners of the United Colonies," vol. 2, p. 225. [Sept. 12, 1659.]

On February 7, 1659, Robert Ashley was chosen town constable, and on March 5th of that year sealer of weights and measures, being reelected to the latter office the following year.

In those days the people of the town jointly made arrangement for the grinding of their corn.

"At a Towne Meeting called to settle something about y^e mill," it was agreed that Mr. Holyoke should grind the corn, "and y^e Towne designated John Pynchon, George Colton, Robert Ashley, Miles Morgan and Samuel Marshfield to set their hands to y^t in y^e behaffe of y^e Towne, and their hands being to it, this ingagement is firme to all intents and constructions in Law. According hereunto y^e Aforementioned persons have hereunto set their hands the 4th day of June 1662.

Elizur Holyoke.

John Pynchon.

George Colton.

Robert Ashley, his marke.

Miles O-M Morgan, his marke.

Samuel Marshfield."

The town ordered and appointed Benjamin Parsons, Samuel Marshfield and Robert Ashley, the sealers, "to mak a Tole with true and exact to y^e twelfth p^t of y^e bushell, and to seale it with y^e Towne's seale."

Public officers were expected to attend strictly to their duties, as will be seen from the following order.

"At a Court held at Springfield Sept^r. 27, 1664, Robert Ashley and Jonathan Burt were presented for the like offence in not viewing on y^e East side of y^e River, being chosen for y^e work. But Robert Ashley pleaded y^t he had not warning y^t he was soe chosen & it beinge not proven y^t he had warninge, the Selectmen are fined 20s a peece for the use of the Towne accordinge to y^e law except they can cleare y^mselves and they did give warninge to y^e viewers, w^{ch} Captain Pynchon is ordered to examine & determine, vizt: whether he had legall warning, and if he fynd Robert Ashley had legall warning y^rof then the Selectmens fynes are to be remitted & he is to pay as a fine 20s for the use of the County."*

In April, 1665, Robert Ashley and several others were fined for absenting themselves from town meeting.

Four years later Robert Ashley petitioned to be relieved of military training.

* Hampsh. Co. Court Rec., vol. 1, p. 42.

"At a Court held March 30, 1669, Robert Ashley of Springfield presenting his desires that by reason of the weakness of his body he may be freed from military exercises: The Court granteth his desires on such terms as the chief officers of that company shall determine."*

The following extract refers to a maid servant in Robert Ashley's service.

"July 29th, 1671. Katharin Hunter (of about 14 y: old) servant to Robert Ashley Deserting from her Master's service unlawfully: once last Tuesday and then coming againe on Thursday and yet goeing away againe on Friday morning to her father and for noe cause y^t shée can relate herself but only y^t her dame once only and y^t some tyme before gave her a blow or 2 with her hand: there being nothing to justifie her in her unlawfull deptime. I [Mr. Pynchon] ordered her to ye house of corection there to abide till I discharged her. And William Hunter her father for harburing his s^d daughter and not discharging her and sending her to her afores^d M^r. (none informing). I aco^t 20s due by law to y^e County: But respited the sentence till some other tyme."†

Robert Ashley seems to have felt much interest in the welfare of the village church, and, certainly, always paid his proportion of the tax for the maintenance of public worship. As has been seen, the first time his name appears in the Springfield records was in connection with a rating to raise the means for the minister's support, and, when on later occasions it was necessary to raise funds for this purpose, he invariably paid his share of the assessment.

"At a Town Meeting Assembled February 5th, 1651, George Coulton and Robt Ashly were nominated by Mr. Jn^o Pynchon, and appoynted by y^e vote of y^e Inhabitants to gather in y^e rate y^t shall be made by y^e Selectmen for y^e charge layd out about this floore" [of the meeting-house chamber].

In February, 1653, Robert Ashley received three shillings as payment "for the use of his mare for the use of the church."

The first list of seatings in the meeting-house bears date of December 23, 1659. Robert Ashley sat in the first seat, and was on the seating committee. His two oldest sons sat "below y^e pillars on y^e North side." In 1663 he was again one of a committee to distribute the seats in the meeting-house.

* Hampsh. Co. Court Rec., vol. 1, p. 103.

† Pynchon Records.

Robert Ashley and his two oldest sons were among the sixty-two inhabitants of Springfield who signed the petition against "a custome imposed on all goods and merchandizes" by an order of the General Court at the October session in 1668.*

Robert Ashley took the oath of allegiance with the other Springfield inhabitants on December 31, 1678.

The foregoing pages contain all the references to Robert Ashley that the compiler could find in the various records. He was obviously a man of energy and ability, and that these qualities were recognized by his fellow townsmen is shown by his election to discharge the duties described. These offices, although not of the highest grade, were regarded as of much greater importance than they have been in later years, and were never bestowed upon any but trustworthy men. His education had not been such as to qualify him for the performance of some important duties in the administration of the affairs of the town. Like many others of the early settlers, who were men of great worth and useful citizens, he did not write his own name, but made his mark whenever his signature was necessary. His mark was something like a Greek Γ. He is called Goodman Ashley in Mr. Pyncheon's account books. He seems to have been industrious, upright and public spirited, and a man of strong religious principles.

Robert Ashley died November 29, 1682 in West Springfield.

Mrs. Mary Ashley died there September 19, 1683.

The age of neither of them is known, nor does any monument mark their graves.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ASHLEY.

"Robert Ashley deceased, his Last Will and Testament together with an Inventory of his estate was presented to this Corte [holden at Northampton March 27, 1683] which will aforesaid was attested to by Mr Holyoke before y^e Worship^l Major Pynchon and y^e Worshipfull Major Pynchon made oath before this Corte as witnesses to s^d will & it was thereupon approve^d & confirmed in Corte as y^e Last Will and Testament of Rob^t Ashley deceased. And W^{ras} he nominated noe Executor to his s^d Will this Corte, therefore appointed & allowed the widdow Relict of s^d Rob^t Ashley and Joseph Ashley his son as administrators to s^d Estate of Rob^t Ashley.

* See "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 9, p. 87.

Here followeth Coppys of s^d Rob^t Ashley's Last Will and of y^e Inventory of his Estate.

I, Robert Ashley, being aged and of infirme body but yet of sound minde and perfect memory doe now make this my Last Will and Testament.

In the first place I doe comitt my Soul to y^e care, grace and salvation of one God in three persons, the second person being incarnate, Who by His blood hath purchased it, trusting in His name for all that good of grace and glory He hath bought for His, having hopes only for His own sake and in His alsufficient mercyes, that He will at y^e Resurrection of y^e just reunite Soul and Body to enjoy a sinless state with Himself in that house not made with hands which He hath p^rpared for those who believe in Him. And my Body to such decent buriall as my friends and surviveing relations shall judge meete.

Nextly I doe confirme my deede of gift made to my beloved son Jonathan of lands, uplands, meadows on y^e East side of Conitticut River all as in that s^d deede is expressed.

And to my beloved son Joseph I doe give all my lands on y^e West side of y^e s^d River, that at Chickapy plaine and that over against the town plott on y^e East side of y^e s^d River, and that below Agawame River, all these on the West side of Conitticut River. Also I doe give unto my son Joseph that lott I have this yeare bought of Major Pynchon, Esq^r, lyeing and fronting on the lane that leades to y^e upper wharfe on y^e East side Conitticut River.

And to my welbeloved son David I doe give five pounds besides what I have given him alreadie.

And to my welbeloveme wife Mary I doe give the full thirds of all the lands on both sides y^e s^d River, dureing the terme of her natureall life.

To my grandson John Ashley I doe give a colt.

And to the rest of the children of my beloved son David Ashley I do give ten shillings p^r child.

And to the children of my beloved son John Root I do give ten shillings a peice.

And for the rest of my estate, all my debts being paid, and in particular that debt for the lot fronting upon the upper wharfe, I do give one third thereof to my well beloved wife during her natural life.

And the other two thirds to my son Joseph and my wife's thirds to Joseph at her decease, he being to pay her five pounds when she dyes, and in case my son Joseph dye without issue then this whole estate bequeathed hereby to my son Joseph I do order and bequeath to my son David and his children.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of October Anno : Dom : 1679.

Robert Ashley T^r his mark.

Signed sealed in y^e presence of

John Pynchon, Sen.

John Holyoke."*

* Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 1, p. 225. The original is not on file.

"March 26, 1683, Mr. John Holyoke appeared declared being present at the time he saw Robert Ashley signe and seale this Instrument as his last Will and that when he so did he was of sound understanding to the best of his knowledge and hereunto made oath before me

John Pynchon, Assistant."

"Major Pynchon made oath as a testimony to this and that the testator was of sound mind when he made it to the best of his understanding. March 27, 1683. S. P., Clerk."*

This instrument having obtained official approval, the court appointed his son Joseph and his widow Mary administrators of his estate.

"Here followeth a copy of y^e Inventory of y^e Estate of Robert Ashley of Springfield deceased taken M^{ch} 24, 1682/3.

	£	s	p
To houseing and homestead and other Lands	347	00	00
To six oxen at 26£, To 3 coves 12£, To 3 heifers 8£: 10 ^s	046	10	00
To three calves at 1£ To 4 horses at 12£: 10 ^s , To 6 Swine at 4£	017	10	00
Divers sorts of graine in the chamber	009	00	00
More divers sorts of provision or meat for the familie	009	19	06
In the lower roome 1 feather bed 3£ 2 ruggs 3£ 2 blanketts 1£: 10 ^s 3 pillows and 3 pillow beers & 1 sheet 1£: 3 ^s and 9 ^d 1 chaffe bed 07 ^s and flock bolsters 3 ^s	009	03	09
A still 1£: 10 ^s Tubs and casks 22 ^s and hemp in the chamber 3 ^s	002	15	00
Pilian and pilian cloth 5 ^s Two cushians 3 ^s a cartwheel's bands and an old cart rope 21 ^s & other lumber 4 ^s & an old sithe 1 ^s : 6 ^d	001	14	06
Another feather bed and bolster and pillows and bed cloth- ing and bedsted and old curtaines and bedstead cloth	007	15	00
A chaffe bed and bolster and pillow beers, rugs & sheets to it and a blanket 10 ^s Cheese in the chamber	005	05	00
Three pair of sheets and 1 old sheet 3£ Bookes 20 ^s	004	00	00
Five sheets 3£ 1 large table cloth 12 ^s five table cloths & three pillow beers 21 ^s & 25 napkins 12 ^s : 06 ^d and 4 shirts 10 ^s	005	15	06
A searge cloke 30 ^s & searge doublet and breatches 20 ^s an old cloth Cloke and doublet 10 ^s and 2 old pair of breaches 2 ^s & wast- coat 5 ^s	003	07	00
3 old chairs and 3 old cushians 3 ^s an old chest and box 5 ^s	000	08	00
Two great brass old kittles 3£ 6 small old brass kittles & a brass pan 2£ a warming pan and frying pan 10 ^s 3 iron potts 30 ^s A iron skillett 2 ^s & brass skillett and a scim- mer 2 ^s	007	04	00
A brass mortar, a brass ladle & 2 iron pestles 6 ^s : 6 ^d	000	06	06
Two quart potts, 2 pint potts 9 ^s A half pint 1 ^s 6 small pewter platters 11 ^s 2 pewter basons 5 ^s 6 pottringers 5 ^s 5 saucers 3 ^s Three pewter bowles 2 ^s : 6 ^d	001	16	06

* Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 1, p. 226.

	£	s	p
A tin pan, one colender, one tunnell, one tin candlestick			
2 ^s : 6 ^d One brass candlestick 3 ^s six spoones 3 ^s 6 old			
spoones 1 ^s : 6 ^d	000	10	00
Wooden dishes, platters and bowles 14 ^s 2 wooden bottles 3 ^s			
17 trenchers 15 ^s two sives 2 ^s earthen ware six shillings	*002	00	00
Pailles and a buckett 3 ^s : 6 ^d 2 spinning wheels 5 ^s : 6 ^d	000	09	00
Four cheesmotes 4 ^s a little box 1 ^s old stockings 1 ^s : 6 ^d	000	06	06
Box iron & heaters & a bell 3 ^s tongs 4 ^s fire pan 1 ^s 3 cob irons			
12 ^s two trammells 8 ^s an old spade 1 ^s	001	09	00
Two guns 30 ^s a rapier 5 ^s	001	15	00
Six baggs 12 ^s cartwheel boxes 12 ^s cart 10 ^s a clevis and pin 5 ^s			
Axtree pinns 3 ^s yoke staple and ring 6 ^s cline pinns and			
two washers 3 ^s	002	11	00
Two hipple tree chaines and 2 pair of iron traces	001	00	00
An old sith and sith tackling 2 ^s : 6 ^d three sickles	000	04	00
Two hammers 2 ^s axes 3 ^s beetle ring 3 ^s	000	08	00
1 wedge 1 ^s a bail and hoop 3 ^s : 6 ^d hookes for a draught yoke			
1 ^s a hacket & saw 5 ^s	000	10	06
Plow chain, clevis and pin 6 ^s share and colter 16 ^s a hay			
hook 1 ^s nails 2 ^s a chamber pot, a stubing hoe, a broad			
hoe, a sled	001	19	06
Total	†492	02	09

The following account appears in regard to the settlement of the estate of the widow Mary Ashley who died without making a will.

“At a Court held at Springfield Sept. 25, 1683. Widdow Mary Ashley of Springfield being departed this life, and it appearing y^t she had proper estate to dispose of as she might have pleased, but dyeing intestate, and the children of y^e deceased being not well able to take an inventory of y^e sayd estate of s^d deceased to p^{re}sent y^e same to this Corte by reason of illness and much business and of w^{ch} tyme between y^e death of s^d deceased and this Corte, but Jonathan Ashley and Joseph Ashley y^e sons of y^e s^d deceased appeared in Court and desired power of administration with reference to y^e cloathes of s^d deceased and that they might dispose of them to some of the relations of y^e deceased of the female kinde to w^m such cloathes are proper, aledging they had need to be looked after or else they might receive damage, this Court ordering there upon y^t an inventory of the estate be taken doth grant to Jonathan Ashley and Joseph Ashley power of administration with reference to y^e Cloathes of s^d deceased and orders and expects y^t they make presentment of y^e inventory of s^d estate to y^e next County Court at Northampton, as alsoe of w^t they administer respecting y^e cloathes of s^d deceased.”†

* 1—6—3 by the record.

† 492—19—3 by the record.

‡ Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 1, p. 230.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

2. i. DAVID,~ } twins, [SEE PART I.]
 ii. a daughter, } b. 3 June 1642; d. soon after birth.*
 iii. MARY, b. 6 Apr. 1644; m. 18 Oct. 1664, John Root of Westfield.
 285. iv. JONATHAN, b. 25 Feb. 1645-6. [SEE PART II.]
 v. SARAH, b. 23 Aug. 1648; not mentioned in her father's will,
 made in 1679, and probably d. young.
 337. vi. JOSEPH, b. 6 July 1652. [SEE PART III.]

* "David Ashley y^e sone of Robert Ashley borne 4 Mon: 3d 1642 about 9 of y^e clock in y^e morninge. At the same tyme a daughter was borne to R^o Ashley with life in it, but it presently dyed." [Spring. T. Rec. of Births, Marriages and Deaths, vol. 1.]

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2. DAVID ASHLEY (*Robert*'), born 3 June 1642 in Springfield, Mass.; died 8 December 1718 in Westfield, Mass.; married 24 November 1663 in New Haven, Conn., HANNAH GLOVER, daughter of Henry and Helena Glover, born in May 1646 in New Haven; died 7 June 1722 in Westfield.

David Ashley settled in Springfield and lived there the first three years and a half of his married life. In 1661 grants of lands had been made to Captain Pynchon, Robert Ashley and George Colton at the new settlement then being made at Woronoco, now Westfield, and David Ashley eventually had his father's title confirmed to him. On February 8, 1663-4, David Ashley received a thirty acre grant at Woronoco, on condition that he and the other grantees were "to pay the Indians for their purchase within three years and that they go there to dwell." He was one of the original grantees of land on the Fort Side (Main Street) on July 6, 1666. This land was to be settled "in their own persons on the last of May next." He probably removed his family to Westfield in the spring of 1667. He lived near the confluence of Great and Little rivers, and styled himself "yoeman." In March, 1668, a division of territory was made into three parts, and lots cast for it, and David Ashley's lands fell in the first division. In March, 1669, Sacketts creek was granted to Joseph Whiting and David Ashley "to set a mill thereon and grind corn."

At a county court held at Springfield September 27, 1670, Walter Lee brought an action against David Ashley "for taking away from him 10 shock of his wheat last year and a load of Indian corn this year off the ground which he had plowed and sowed." This must have been a mistake on Mr. Ashley's part, as the parties agreed before the jury brought in their verdict.

In the fall of 1671 Mr. Edward Taylor, recently graduated at Harvard College, was invited by the inhabitants of Westfield to come there and preach to them. He says in his diary, "This being the 2d [1st?] of December, we came to Westfield. . . . We went to Mr. Whiting's. There the men of the town came to welcome me, and after supper I went to Goodman Ashley's, where I was till Mr. Whiting had got his house ready that I might be with him."*

David Ashley was one of a committee of three appointed to convey to the government at Boston the protest of the town against a letter dated March 20, 1676, advising that the town of Westfield be abandoned and the inhabitants retreat to Springfield for protection against the Indians, as the cost of maintaining the scattered settlements along the Connecticut River was considered too much. This was during King Philip's War.

On September 6, 1685, the town granted to David Ashley, Thomas Noble, Isaac Phelps and Nathaniel Weller liberty to erect a sawmill "on the brook on the northeast side of the river."

"At a town meeting held November the 18, 1696, it is voted y^t Left Samuel Root, Nathaniel Bancroft, Adijah Dewey and David Ashley should be as a commitey to prise all lands in Westfield, and stoek all y^t is above one year old, and y^t all heads should bee apprised at ten pound p^r head to defray town charges."

On June 9, 1712, towards the close of Queen Anne's War, the town voted to "fort" certain houses, and David Ashley's was one of those selected to be "forted."

David Ashley was prominent in the management of Westfield affairs and held a number of responsible offices. He

* "Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings," vol. 18, p. 17.

served as a juror in 1665; he was elected a selectman in 1676, 1677, 1679 to 1685, 1694 and 1699; Clerk of the Writs in 1678, 1686 and 1690; and Treasurer of the town in 1694. He performed the duties of all these and other less important offices in a manner satisfactory to the town and creditable to himself, and was highly respected. He united with the Westfield church January 1, 1679-80, five months after its organization, and took the freeman's oath at a court held at Springfield on September 28, 1680.*

The gravestones of David Ashley and his wife are among the oldest in the old Westfield cemetery. They are short irregular slabs of native stone, and are so weather-beaten that they were deciphered with difficulty as follows:

DAVID
ASHLEY
DYED ON DES
YE 8 1718
AGED 77 YEAR

HANNAH
YE WIFE OF
DAVID ASHL
EY DYED ON
IVNE TE 7 1722
AGED 76 YEAR

CHILDREN: †

3. i. SAMUEL, b. 26 Oct. 1664.
4. ii. DAVID, b. 10 Mar. 1666-7.
5. iii. JOHN, b. 27 June 1669.
6. iv. JOSEPH, b. 31 July 1671.
- v. SARAH, b. 10† Sept. 1673; m. 22 July 1692, Thomas Ingersoll of Westfield.
- vi. MARY, } twins, d. 19 July 1676.
- vii. HANNAH, } b. 26 Dec. 1675; m. 13 Sept. 1694, Nathaniel Eggleston of Westfield.

* Administration was granted on the estate of David Ashley 10 March 1718-19 to his widow Hannah. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 4, p. 13.] The inventory was taken 6 January 1718-9 and amounted to £270: 7^s: 6^d. It included: "home and homestead, £96"; "lot in ye Fort Meadow, £43"; "4 acre pasture in ye Plain, £16"; "16 acres of plowing land, £35"; "50 acres at Four Mile Brook, £5"; "16 acres at Munn's Meadow, £2"; "5 acres in the 100 Acre Swamp and 6 acres at ye Pine Hill, 5£"; and cows, swine, household furniture and wearing apparel. [Ditto, p. 23.]

The settlement of his estate was to the widow Hannah, the nine living children, and James, the only child of his son Joseph deceased. [Ditto, p. 24.]

† The first five children are recorded both in Springfield and Westfield, but from the fact that the third, fourth and fifth are recorded at the same time in Springfield, and as their father was then living in Westfield, there is no doubt that all but the two oldest were born in the latter place.

‡ By West. T. Rec., 19 by Spring. T. Rec.

- 7. viii. JONATHAN, b. 21 June 1678.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. 27 Apr. 1681; m. 25 Nov. 1699, Nathaniel Lewis of Farmington.
- x. MARY, b. 3 Mar. 1682-3; m. 21 Dec. 1709, Benjamin Stebbins of Northampton.
- xi. REBECCA, b. 30 May 1685; m. about 1710, Samuel Dewey of Westfield.

✓ 3. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 October 1664 in Springfield, Mass.; died 1722 in Westfield, Mass.; married 27 April 1686 in Hadley, Mass., SARAH KELLOGG,* daughter of Lient. Joseph and Joanna Kellogg, born 27 August 1666 in Hadley; died 30 January 1729 in Westfield.

Samuel Ashley settled in Westfield. He was a carpenter by trade, but naturally was engaged to a large extent in farming. He also kept the inn at Westfield for a number of years. He was a considerable land owner, and had a quarter interest in a gristmill at Two Mile Brook in company with his brother Dea. David Ashley and Lient. James Dewey.

"At a Meeting of the Governor and Council held at Hartford February 21st, 174 $\frac{1}{2}$: Upon the consideration of two letters from Major Myndert Schuyler of Albany, dated Dec. 6th and 14th, giving an account of five of our horses which he sent by Mr. Samuel Ashley of Westfield (which were delivered by said Ashley to Major Talcott), with the charge he had been at upon them, amounting to three pounds, six shillings and six pence, and of one sorrel horse which he still hath in his custody and would buy; as also of more horses belonging to this colony, which are still in the neighborhood of Albany.

And whereas Mr. Samuel Ashley designs speedily to go to Albany, it is agreed that the Gov^r give him power to demand, receive and make Sale for the use of this Colony of any horses belonging to this Colony, which he can come at there, with instructions that if he judges it most for the advantage of the Colony to bring them down, rather than sell them. that he bring them accordingly, with such other directions as may be proper."†

During Queen Anne's War, June 9, 1712, it was decided "to fort" three houses in the town as a protection against the Indians, and Samuel Ashley's house was one of those selected "to be fortified."

* United with Westfield Church 25 Mar. 1688.

† "Colonial Records of Connecticut," vol. 5, p. 302.

In 1719 he sold to his brother David half the homelot which had belonged to their father. His name appears either as grantor or grantee in a large number of deeds of land during his residence in Westfield.

Samuel Ashley was conspicuous in the management of town affairs and his name is to be seen in the records in various connections. He was elected tythingman in 1697, 1698 and 1703. On November 1, 1700, he was chosen with his brother Deacon David and two others a committee to build the schoolhouse. He was elected a selectman in 1703, 1704 and 1720. In 1709 he was elected town constable, but refused to serve. On March 8, 1713-4, he was appointed one of a committee of three to settle the bounds between Westfield and Springfield. He united with the Westfield church April 15, 1714, and was very active in its interests. He was appointed on the committee to build a new meeting-house in 1719, and, after its completion, was chosen a member of the seating committee in October, 1721. He continued to be interested in the welfare of the church up to his death, and his services were considered worthy of a special vote of the town after his death, which was presented to his widow.*

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MARY, b. 6 Mar. 1687; d. in infancy.†
8. ii. SAMUEL, b. 3 Nov. 1688.
- ✓ 9. iii. DANIEL, b. 7 Sept. 1691. ✓
- iv. SARAH, b. 11 Sept. 1693; ? d. in infancy.‡
- v. RACHEL, b. 14 Feb. 1695; m. 3 June 1728, Samuel Kellogg of Westfield. [See No. 4. iv.]
- vi. JACOB, b. 24 Sept. 1697; with his brother Ezekiel witnessed a deed of their father in 1719, but did not appear to swear to his signature in 1727 when his brother was summoned, and probably had died before that year: unmarried.
- vii. JOANNA,§ b. 6 Feb. 1699; m., 1st, 24 May 1721, Joseph Taylor of Westfield and Sheffield, Mass.; 2d, 20 Dec. 1738, Dea. James Dewey of Westfield and Sheffield. [See No. 4. v.]

* Administration was granted on his estate 19 Feb. 1722-3 to David Ashley and Thomas Ingersoll. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 4, p. 70.] Inventory taken 4 Mar. 1722-3. [Ditto, p. 74.] Unfortunately, the children's names do not appear. 23 Nov. 1722 "Samuel Ashley's widow to have 50^s for his serving the town as committce man, for time spent, and for keeping accounts in the consen of the meeting-house."

† According to Mr. Louis M. Dewey, the Westfield genealogist.

‡ See foot-note to No. 5, i.

§ So spelled at and after her marriage, but recorded and baptized *Johannah*.

10. viii. EZEKIEL, b. 27 Apr. 1701.

11. ix. AARON, b. 1 Jan. 1702-3.

x. ABIGAIL, b. 23 May 1708; m. 8 Nov. 1732, Samuel Goodrich of Sheffield.

12. xi. JOSEPH, b. 11 Oct. 1709.

4. Dea. DAVID ASHLEY (*David², Robert¹*), born 10 March 1666-7 in Springfield, Mass.; died 7 August 1744 in Westfield, Mass.; married 11 July 1688 in Westfield, MARY DEWEY,* daughter of Cornet Thomas and Constant (Hawes) Dewey, and sister of the wife of his brother Joseph, born 28 January 1667-8 in Northampton, Mass.; died 13 December 1757 in Westfield.

David Ashley settled in Westfield. He lived on the south side of Main Street, buying of his brother Samuel in 1719 one-half of their father's homelot. He was a cooper by trade, but in one deed (of 1728) he is styled "clothier."[†]

"November 17, 1697, granted to Thomas Root, Lieut. Root, Nathaniel Bancroft and David Ashley, Jr., liberty to set up a gristmill on the west side, at the place called the half mile fall, o'r on the little river, where they shall see cause, between the up'r end of the field and Mun's widow." David Ashley was later associated with his brother Samuel and Lieut. James Dewey in the ownership of a gristmill on Two Mile Brook, and eventually appears to have bought out his partners' interests.

"May 8, 1716, Deken David Ashley had liberty by a vote of the Town to set up his Tainter hooks in highway near his own hows provided he takes care that it doth not damnifi creatures going upon the commons by ensnaring of them in the back-side of the frame."

David Ashley became one of the leading men of Westfield. He was elected a selectman in 1712 and 1713; constable in 1707 and 1723; and in 1709 sealer of weights and measures, gauger and packer, which latter office he performed in such a satisfactory manner that he was reelected to it annually until his death. He was chosen with his brother Samuel and two others a committee to build a new schoolhouse on November

* United with Westfield Church 4 July 1697.

† See second paragraph below where his tenter hooks are mentioned.

1, 1700, and was also a member of the school committee on several other occasions. But it was in matters relating to the welfare and management of the Westfield church that his opinion and services were most in demand. He united with the church on February 3, 1710. The following year he was made a deacon, and faithfully performed the duties of that office until his resignation in 1730. His wife, Mrs. Mary Ashley, united with the church August 4, 1697.

Difficulties arose with respect to the location of the new meeting-house, and on November 17, 1719, the town appointed a committee to locate the house and "made choice of Dea. Thomas Noble, Dea. David Ashley and John Shepard to accompany the Comitey to enform and to enlighten them in respect to the surcumstances of the Town." Having fixed upon a site, it was voted to raise the meeting-house on Wednesday, June 8th, "at two hours by the sun in the morning." Every man in town of seventeen years and upward was to assist at the raising and the subsequent work, or pay a fine of three shillings a day for his absence, unless he had a good excuse. The committee had "liberty to prepare four or five barrels of bier" for the refreshment of the workers. It was voted that Deacon Ashley and two others should "go and desire Mr. Taylor to come to the place of raising the meeting-house, then and there at the time appointed to seek to God for his guide and protection in the work of raising." On October 11, 1721, the town chose Capt. John Ashley, Deacon Ashley and two others "to go and treat with Mr. Taylor concerning his removing to the new meeting-house to attend the worship of God there." "March 8, 1725, David Ashley for going to North Haven 5 s." He had been appointed to wait on Rev. Isaac Stiles* there in regard to the ministry. On May 26, 1726, Deacon Ashley was chosen one of a committee of three "to ask Mr. Taylor if he be willing to lay down preaching."

Deacon Ashley thus led an active life in Westfield and seems to have been entrusted with much important town business. He was highly respected and was noted for his piety.†

* He married a daughter of Rev. Mr. Taylor.

† His will, dated 20 June 1739, proved 11 Sept. 1744, mentions his wife and all of his eight children; "the gristmill to my three oldest sons." [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 6, p. 232.] Inventory taken 8 Oct. 1744. [Ditto, p. 260.]

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. A child,* b. 16 July 1689 ; d. 23 July 1689.
- 13. ii. THOMAS, b. 17 Sept. 1690.
- 14. iii. DAVID, b. 26 Dec. 1692.
- iv. MARY, b. 12 Mar. 1694 ; m. 8 July 1714, Samuel Kellogg of Westfield. [See No. 3. v.]
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 3 Mar. 1697 ; m. 15 May 1718, Dea. James Dewey of Westfield. [See No. 3. vii.]
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 6 Jan. 1700 ; m. 23 Aug. 1724, David Dewey of Westfield.
- 15. vii. MOSES, b. 9 Oct. 1703.
- viii. HANNAH, b. 8 Nov. 1706 ; m. 30 Oct. 1733,† Hezekiah Porter of Windsor, Conn.
- 16. ix. ISRAEL, b. 14 Oct. 1710.

5. Capt. JOHN ASHLEY (*David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 June 1669 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 16^{*} April 1759 in Westfield ; married, 1st, 8 September 1692 by Mr. Pyncheon, SARAH DEWEY, daughter of Cornet Jedediah and Sarah (Orton) Dewey, born 28 March 1672 in Westfield ; died 30 May 1708 in Westfield. He married, 2d, 20 January 1708-9 in Westfield, Mrs. MARY (WHITING) SHELDON, widow of Joseph Sheldon, Esq., a prominent citizen of Suffield, who had died the previous July while attending the General Court at Boston, and daughter of the Hon. Joseph and Mary (Pyncheon[§]) Whiting, born 19 August 1672 in Westfield ; died 13^{||} March 1735 in Westfield. He married^{**}, 3d, HANNAH GLOVER, daughter of Peletiah and Hannah (Parsons) Glover, born 27 December 1693 in Springfield ; died ?⁺⁺

John Ashley settled in Westfield, his native place, where he soon became a leading citizen. He was known as Captain Ashley, a title acquired from being commander of the town's military company, to which position he was appointed while

* No name in the original record, but is called *David* by Mr. Hinman.

† By West. T. Rec., 1734 by Stiles' "History of Windsor."

‡ By Rev. John Ballantine's diary and gravestone, 17 by town record.

§ Col. John Pyncheon presented a silver-headed cane to Capt. John Ashley.

|| By town record, 17 by gravestone.

** Intention of marriage published in Westfield and Springfield 12 Nov. 1735.

++ The record of her death has not been found, but she is supposed to be the "Widow Hannah Ashley of Wilbraham" who in 1767 sold "land laid out to Lazarus Miller, Henry Gilbert, Samuel Bliss, Jr., and Thomas Taylor." [Hampsh. Co. Reg. of Deeds.].

still a young man. His name is to be seen frequently in the records* in various connections.

On May 10, 1714, the town "voted to give John Ashley 0-3-6 pr day for serving y^e town as a representative. Y^e town granted to John Ashley twenty acres of land on y^e north side of y^e river above Pochasicke farm where land is not laid out, also at y^e land that has been laid out to him on such land as he has bought that lys within y^e tract of land last granted to y^e town, those grants were granted to John Ashley on y^e account of his serving y^e town as a representative y^e year past."

John Ashley, then, was thus early representing Westfield in the General Court. He was appointed that year (1714) one of a committee of three from Westfield to meet with a similar committee from Northampton and "settle the bounds between the two towns." In 1716 he was on a committee of three "to provide a town schoolmaster and look after the school land." The following year he was chosen one of the committee "to agree on a place for a meeting-house."

The questions arising about the location of the new meeting-house were numerous, and it was several years before it was finally completed and ready for occupancy, but Captain Ashley continued to serve on the building committee until its completion, and then was chosen a member of the seating committee for the new edifice.

"At a town meeting held October 31, 1718," Captain Ashley was chosen one of a committee of three "to go and treat with John Gunn, Sen., and with y^e Widow Noble concerning a place to set a new meeting-house and the terms thereof, and to bring report thereat unto the Town at the next meeting."

"October 11, 1721, Captain John Ashley, Deacon Ashley and two others were chosen "to go and treat with Mr. Taylor concerning his removing to the new meeting-house to attend the worship of God there." On January 9th, following, Captain Ashley was chosen "to go and discourse with Mr. Taylor concerning giving a minister a call."†

In December, 1722, Captain Ashley was one of a committee chosen "to dignifie the seats in the meeting-house, which dignification the townsmen confirmed by a voat."

* Captain Ashley presented the town with the "new" book for recording the births, marriages and deaths, with the understanding that the town should be at the expense of copying the previous vital statistics into it.

† Mr. Taylor was becoming infirm from age.

As early as 1722 plans were being made for settlements in the Housatonic Valley, and on January 30, 1722-3, one hundred and seventy-six inhabitants of Hampshire County petitioned the General Court for "a certain Tract of land lying upon Housatonack River, allias Westonock, in order for the settling two towns there." This petition was granted, and the townships were ordered to contain seven miles square each. Col. John Stoddard and Capt. Henry Dwight of Northampton, Capt. Luke Hitchcock of Springfield, Capt. John Ashley of Westfield, Capt. Samuel Porter of Hadley and Capt. Ebenezer Pomeroy of Northampton were appointed a committee for dividing the tract, granting lots, admitting settlers, and reserving certain lands for the use of the first ministers and the support of the schools and gospel. The committee met at Springfield in January, 1724, and received the names of fifty-five settlers.

On April 25, 1724, Chief Conkepot and twenty other Indians, "all of Housatonack, allias Westonock, in New England, in y^e province of the Massachusetts Bay: for & in consideration of a valuable sum well secured by bond, viz.:—Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds—Three Barrels of Sider & thirty quarts of Rum: bearing date with these Presents, under y^e hand & seal of Capt. John Ashley of Westfield in y^e County of Hampshire; . . . convey & confirm unto Col. John Stoddard, Capt. John Ashley, Capt. Henry Dwight & Capt. Luke Hitchcock, Esqrs., all in the County of Hampshire, Committee, appointed by y^e General Court," the aforesaid tract of land.*

This deed was acknowledged before Capt. John Ashley, Justice of the Peace, and the tract of land embraced the present towns of Sheffield and Great Barrington and the towns west of them in Berkshire County. Captain Ashley and Captain Pomeroy, members of the committee, soon after divided the lower township into lots for the settlers, who presently began to arrive and plant themselves on the river bank in the present town of Sheffield.

It will be remembered that at this time the Indian conflict, known as Father Rasle's War, was in progress, and Captain Ashley was much occupied with military affairs in relation to it. That he was a prominent figure in the county's forces will be seen from the following extract.

* See "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 8, p. 215-6, for the deed in full.

"April 19, 1725, Capt. John Ashley writes from Westfield, asking for six or eight men to guard the workmen in the fields. He says, 'We have no news from our Gent^{l^m} that are gone to Canada, neither from Capt. Wells,* neither from Albany, but only a gent sends to us to be careful as he expected the Indenss would be revenged on us for the Inden wee kiled of thars at my farme.' The news as to the expected invasion was received by Capt. Ashley in a letter from Albany by Philip Schuyler who had dispatches from the commissioners in Canada. A meeting of the military officers was held at Hatfield, and a post sent Governor Dummer with Captain Ashley's letter and the dispatch from Canada."[†]

To return to affairs on the Housatonic. In June, 1733, Captain Ashley and Captain Pomeroy were appointed by the General Court a committee to advance the settlement in the lower and upper townships. That year Sheffield was incorporated and the first town meeting held. At a town meeting held in Sheffield March 27, 1734, it was "voted to allow Nathaniel Austin three shillings for employing Captain John Ashley to set this place off for a town."

On January 15, 1735, Captain Ashley, then a member of the General Court, was appointed one of a committee of five to establish the four grants of the towns of Tyringham, New Marlborough, Sandisfield and Becket.[‡] He was that day summoned by the Indians of Stockbridge "to come as their friend."[§]

Enough has been said to show how valuable a man Captain Ashley was to his town, county and state. He was elected a justice of the peace on June 15, 1716, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Hampshire County on January 9, 1722-3, both of which offices he filled many years. He was a representative from Westfield to the General Court for many sessions, and was elected a member of the Quorum on January 2, 1753. While performing the duties imposed on him by these responsible positions, he did not neglect local affairs, and at various times held in succession most of the important offices of the town of Westfield. He was a member of a large number of committees appointed at different times, either to take

* Who had led a scouting party towards the Canada frontier.

[†] Sheldon's "History of Deerfield," vol. 1, p. 442.

[‡] "History of Western Massachusetts," vol. 2, p. 597.

[§] "History of Stockbridge," p. 46.

charge of civil or military affairs, or treat with the Indians, and among the latter may be mentioned his appointment to treat with the Mohawks in 1752.

John Ashley was known as "Captain" and "Squire" Ashley, and the word "Gentleman" was always added to his name in formal documents. He was an extensive land owner in Westfield and the other Massachusetts towns in which he was interested, and also owned land in Suffield and Enfield, Conn. He resided all his life in Westfield, and died there at the age of nearly ninety years, having outlived most of his near relations and all of his immediate family, except his son John of Sheffield.

Capt. John Ashley was admitted to full communion in the Westfield church on April 14, 1728, and his pastor, Rev. John Ballantine, writes in his diary under the date April 18, 1759, "Attended Captain Ashley's funeral. He had outlived y^e expectations and even desires of most of his relations. He was forgotten as one y^t had been long dead. Considering y^e numbers of his relations* and y^e offices he had sustained, very few attended his funeral."

Captain Ashley left no will, and no account of any distribution of his property is on record at Northampton. The grave-stones of himself and his wife Mary are in the old cemetery in Westfield. They are of red sandstone, sound and clear, and are inscribed as follows:

In Memory of
JOHN ASHLEY, Esq^r,
who died April y^e 16th, 1759
in y^e 90th, year of his Age.

Mrs. MARY
ASHLEY y^e wife of
Mr. JOHN ASHLEY
died March 17
1735
aged 63.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. SARAH, b. 27 Sept. 1693; ? m. 4 July 1717, David Bull of Westfield.†

* Not many near ones were living at this time.

† The compiler has not found the proof whether David Bull married her or No. 3, iv, but thinks the above will be found correct, for notice in Hinman's "Puritan Settlers of Connecticut," p. 391, 2d line, that one of the children is named *Noah*, whose name, not found in the Bull family, the compiler thinks was so given from the fact that the mother was a sister of Major Noah Ashley.

- ii. HANNAH, b. 18 Dec. 1695; d. 28 June 1696.
- iii. JOHN, b. 19 Oct. 1697; d. 24 Nov. 1697.
- iv. MOSES, b. 1 Oct. 1700; d. 14 Oct. 1700.
- v. EBENEZER, b. 29 Mar. 1702; d. 11 Apr. 1702.
- vi. NOAH, b. 15 June 1704.
- vii. ROGER, b. 30 Jan. 1705-6; d. 10 Feb. 1738-9, unmarried.
- viii. LYDIA, b. 11 Apr. 1708; d. 29 Apr. 1708.

By second wife :

- 18. ix. JOHN, b. 2 Dec. 1709.
- x. PRESERVED, b. 15 Nov. 1711; d. 26 Nov. 1711.

6. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*David*², *Robert*¹), born 31 July 1671 in Westfield, Mass.; died 25 February 1705-6 in Westfield; married 12 April 1699 in Westfield, ABIGAIL DEWEY, daughter of Cornet Thomas and Constant (Hawes) Dewey, and sister of the wife of his brother David (4), born 14 February 1680-1 in Westfield. She married, 2d, 7 November 1706 in Westfield, her cousin Thomas Dewey of Westfield, and died 20 December 1747 in Westfield.

Joseph Ashley settled in Westfield. He was chosen "Surveyor for the country-side" in 1700, steward in 1703, and vieweer in 1705. He was probably a farmer. He died before his father, and his only child inherited his share of the latter's estate.*

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- 19. i. JAMES, b. 26 Feb. 1699-1700.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. 1 Oct. 1702; d. 11 Mar. 1707.
- iii. NAOMI, b. 4 Feb. 1704-5; d. 22 Feb. 1705.

7. Lient. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 June 1678 in Westfield, Mass.; died 18⁺ September 1749 in Westfield; married 1 February 1699-1700 in Springfield, Mass., ABIGAIL STEBBINS[‡], daughter of Benjamin and Abigail

* Administration was granted on his estate 7 Mar. 1705-6 to his widow. Inventory, taken Mar. 20th, amounted to £269. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 3, p. 159.]

† By town record, "at 12 o'clock between September the 17th and 18 day" by an old family record now in Vermont.

‡ As her parentage has been printed differently in another family history, those interested will find the proof of the above statement in Spring. Land Rec., vol. P. p. 737, where Abigail, wife of Jonathan Ashley of Westfield, and Mercy, wife of Ebenezer Parsons of Northampton, are called daughters of Benjamin Stebbins.

(Denton) Stebbins, born 13 August 1683 in Springfield; died 6* April 1752 in Westfield.

Jonathan Ashley settled in Westfield. He styled himself "husbandman." He was a considerable land owner in Westfield, and was also one of the original grantees of the Housatonic lands. His name is on the muster roll of Capt. Adijah Dewey's company of troopers raised for scouting in 1723, and he served from September 3d to September 25th of that year.† He was a few years later chosen Lieutenant of the Westfield company, and was known by that title. Jonathan Ashley held a number of town offices. He was chosen viewer in 1703, town surveyor in 1705, and constable in 1711. On March 9, 1724-5, he was chosen one of a committee "to go and agree with Mr. Bull" with respect to his becoming the minister. He was a selectman of the town of Westfield in 1725 and 1734, and served as moderator and on the school committee.‡

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

- i. ABIGAIL, b. 15 Aug. 1701; d. 21 July 1742 in Westfield, unmarried.
20. ii. AZARIAH, b. 13§ Aug. 1704.
- iii. MERCY,|| b. 8 Apr. 1707; m. 11 Jan. 1732, Adijah Dewey, Jr., of Westfield.
- iv. LYDIA, b. 28 June 1710; m. 9 Nov. 1731, Josiah Pomeroy of Northampton, Mass.
21. v. JONATHAN, b. 11 Nov. 1712.
22. vi. BENJAMIN, b. 9 Feb. 1714-5.
23. vii. EBENEZER, b. 29 Mar. 1717.
24. viii. PHINEAS, b. 15 Jan. 1729-30.**

8. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 November 1688 in Westfield, Mass.; died probably about

* Also recorded 7 on another page of West. T. Rec.

† Massachusetts Archives, vol. 90, p. 94.

‡ His will, dated October 27, 1743, proved September 29, 1749, mentions his wife and children as here given, and provided that his son Benjamin was to have his house on the west side of Westfield and his sons Ebenezer and Phineas were to divide his dwelling house between them. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 7, p. 229.]

§ By West. T. Rec., but bapt. 6 Aug. 1704 by West. Ch. Rec.

|| By West. T. Rec., but bapt. on the 13th *Martha* (? *Marcia*), and she was called Mercy at her marriage and in her father's will.

** By West. T. Rec., and as the year has been printed 1719-20 in another history it may be well to note that he *chose* Dr. Israel Ashley his *guardian* 20 Oct. 1749.

1717* in Westfield; married about 1712 in Westfield, HANNAH DEWEY, daughter of Jedediah and Sarah (Orton) Dewey,[†] and sister of the first wife of his uncle Capt. John Ashley (5), born 14 March 1685-6 in Westfield; died 14 February 1713-4 in Westfield.

Samuel Ashley settled in Westfield. He was chosen "viewer for the north side of the river including Pochasicke" in 1713 and 1714. He united with the church in Westfield on April 18, 1714. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

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| i. | HANNAH, | } twins, | d. 19 Apr. 1714. |
| ii. | A daughter, | | b. 7 Feb. 1713-4; d. 20 Feb. 1713-4. |

9. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 September 1691 in Westfield, Mass.; died about October 1726[‡] in? Westfield; published intention of marriage 15 November 1718 in Westfield with Mrs. THANKFUL (HAWKS) TAYLOR, widow of Thomas Taylor of Deerfield, Mass., and daughter of Dea. Eleazer and Judith (Smead) Hawks, born 1690 in Deerfield. She married, 3d, 6 March 1728-9, Col. William Symes of Northfield, Mass.

Daniel Ashley settled in Westfield, where he engaged in farming. He was one of the original proprietors of the Lower Township (now Sheffield) on the Housatonic River, but no evidence has been found that he removed there with his family. The fact that his wife was a Deerfield woman caused him to visit that town occasionally, and he was appointed from there to attend the delegates from the Five Nations, who came to Albany in the summer of 1723 and were conducted to

* In a deed dated 24 Apr. 1717 his father is called "Samuel Ashley, Senior," but in later deeds the word "Senior" is omitted. Samuel (8) certainly died before his father, as he did not share in his estate.

† "Circumstantial evidence is strongly in favor of this, as Jedediah Dewey in his will (dated 1715) says he does not think any more should be expected from his estate on his daughter Hannah's account, as she and her children both were dead." [Letter from Mr. Louis M. Dewey of Westfield.]

‡ His inventory was taken 4 Nov. 1726. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 5, p. 38.] His administrators, Ezekiel Ashley and Stephen Kellogg, sold his right in the Housatonic lands to Joshua Root 2 Mar. 1729-30.

"Daniel Ashley of Westfield, a minor over fourteen, chose Timothy Maccranny of Springfield his guardian 13 Apr. 1731. [Ditto, vol. 5, p. 79.] There is a mistake in the record, as there was no Daniel Ashley living in Westfield at this time. The name probably should be *Samuel son of Daniel Ashley*."

Boston to hold conference with the English commissioners.* He is supposed to have lived in Westfield the remainder of his life.†

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

25. i. SAMUEL, b. 20 Mar. 1720,‡

26. ii. MARTIN, b. 17 Sept. 1724. ✓

10. Lieut. EZEKIEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 April 1701 in Westfield, Mass.; died on the Louisburg Expedition; married 5 November 1724 in Westfield, HANNAH GRISWOLD,[§] daughter of ? Samuel and Susannah (Huntington) Griswold, born 30 April 1699 in Windsor, Conn. She married, 2d, ——— Wright and was living in Norwich, Conn., in 1769.^{||}

Ezekiel Ashley with his brothers Daniel and Aaron was among the first proprietors of the present town of Sheffield, Mass., and probably removed his family there in 1728. He and John Pell surveyed and located the "old ore hill" in Salisbury, Conn., a tract of one hundred acres which was granted in October, 1731. In May, 1734, he, his uncle Capt. John Ashley (5) and others petitioned for a grant of one hundred acres of land lying west of the Housatonic River near a large pond known to the Indians by the name of Wonokopoko Pond. He also had an interest in the forge, iron works and water privileges in Sheffield. He styles himself "husbandman" and "gentleman" in deeds drawn about this time.

Ezekiel Ashley took a prominent part in the management of town affairs in Sheffield. He was chosen one of a committee of three on June 7, 1734, to interview Rev. Mr. Devotion in regard to his settling in the ministry in Sheffield. At a town meeting held March 17, 1734-5, he was chosen moderator, and

* "August 30, 1723, Daniel Ashley attending delegates and expense to Albany, £10-7s." [See Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."]

† Administration was granted on the estate of Daniel Ashley of Westfield 7 Feb. 1726-7 to his brother Ezekiel and Stephen Kellogg. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 4, p. 166.]

‡ "Samuel, son of Daniel Ashley of Westfield, deceased, husbandman," had Thomas Wells of Deerfield appointed his guardian 13 Mar. 1731-2.

§ She united with the church in Westfield by letter from the church in Windsor early in 1729.

|| "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 2, p. 406.

again at the annual meetings held in 1736, 1737 and 1738. At a town meeting held April 5, 1737, "Nathaniel Austin, Ezekiel Ashley and Daniel Kellogg were chosen a committee to represent the town to the late committee chosen to survey the town of Sheffield over again." At that meeting it was also "voted that Ezekiel Ashley shall build a good sufficient grist mill for the town use . . . to be built on the Iron Work River, a little above the iron works." August 7, 1738, "Ezekiel Ashley, Daniel Kellogg and Nathaniel Downing were chosen a committee to designate the seats in the meeting house and with Moses Ingersoll were chosen seaters in the meeting house." Ezekiel Ashley was also elected a selectman of the town in 1736 and 1738. In the winter of 1740 he calls himself "of Brookfield, Mass." He returned to Westfield the following year, and soon after removed with his family to Hartford, Conn.

Ezekiel Ashley had always taken interest in the military affairs of the several communities where he resided. Before his marriage he had served as trumpeter of Capt. Adijah Dewey's company of Westfield troopers from September 3 to September 25, 1723.* While he was residing in Hartford, preparations began for the expedition against Cape Breton, and he volunteered his services to the Connecticut colony, which were accepted and "This Assembly do appoint Mr. Ezekiel Ashley to be Lieutenant of one [of] the military companies of recruits ordered by this Assembly to be raised for the Expedition against Cape Breton."† "This Assembly orders that Ezekiel Ashley be appointed to be one of the lieutenants belonging to Capt. Adonijah Fitch's Company."‡

Lieutenant Ashley's commission was dated May 30, 1745. Whether he actually took part in the battle in which the undisciplined militia of New England seized Louisburg from the veteran troops of France the records do not state, but it is probable that he died while on service in the army.§

* Mass. Arch., vol. 90, p. 94.

† "Colonial Records of Connecticut," vol. 9, p. 128.

‡ Ditto, vol. 9, p. 143.

§ The will of "Lieut. Ezekiel Ashley of Hartford," dated June 28, 1745, was proved August 5, 1746. It mentions his wife Hannah, his son Ezekiel, and his daughters Hannah and Grissil who were not eighteen years of age. [Hartford Prob. Rec., vol. 15, p. 37.]

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS. :

- 27. i. EZEKIEL, b. 3 Oct. 1726 in Westfield, Mass.
- ii. HANNAH, b. 9 Jan. 1729; d. 2 Jan. 1730.
- iii. JACOB, b. 1 Aug. 1732; d. 1 Dec. 1736.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 3 Sept. 1735.
- v. GRISSIL,* b. 13 Mar. 1738; m. 17 Mar. 1755, Joseph Kelley of Norwich, Conn.

11. Ensign AARON ASHLEY (*Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 1 January 1702-3 in Westfield, Mass.; died about 1780[†] in Sheffield, Mass.; published intention of marriage, 1st, 20 May 1727[‡] in Westfield, with BETHIA DEWEY, daughter of Capt. Adijah[§] and Sarah (Root) Dewey, and sister of the wives of his brother Rev. Joseph (12) and cousin David Ashley (14), born 11 August 1706 in Westfield; died probably about 1736 in Sheffield. He published intention of marriage, 2d, 2 September 1737 in Springfield, Mass., with SARAH DAY, daughter of Capt. John^{||} and Mary (Smith) Day, born 14 May 1708 in West Springfield, Mass.; died about 17?6—in ? Sheffield. He married, 3d,** 12 June 1764 in Westfield, MEHITABLE TAYLOR, daughter of Eldad and Rhoda (Dewey) Taylor, born 4 August 1736 in Westfield; died 15 November 1815 in Westfield.

* By Shef. T. Rec., her father's will and her gravestone in Norwich, *Griswold* by Hart. First Ch. Rec. and Nor. T. Rec.

† Rev. John Ballantine spent several days with his daughter Mrs. Mary Ashley (wife of No. 18) in Sheffield in 1770, and speaks in his diary of visiting among others "Aaron Ashley." Eldad Taylor in his will (dated 1777) mentions "my daughter Mehitable Ashley wife of Aaron Ashley." "*Widow Mehitable Ashley*" united with Westfield Church on Aug. 4, 1783. It is evident, therefore, that Aaron Ashley died between 1777 and 1783.

‡ And married before October, 1728.

§ His will, dated 23 Mar. 1733, proved 20 May 1741, mentions his daughter Bethia. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 6, p. 112.]

|| As he forbade the banns on Sept. 8th, it may have been some time before the ceremony took place, and the date has not been found. He mentions her and her two oldest children, however, in his will, dated 7 Jan. 1746-7, proved 9 Jan. 1753. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 15.]

** Hon. George Sheldon, the well known genealogical authority, agrees with the compiler in crediting Aaron Ashley (No. 11) with this third marriage. It will be noticed (see register of his children) there are recorded to him two daughters named Bethia. As the first did not die until 1808, it seems strange that he should have given the same name to another child, although there was a difference of thirty-two years in their ages. The compiler would have liked to have found that it was a son of the same name who consummated the third marriage, but a persistent search has failed to discover any other children than those hereafter given. There is no mention of Aaron Ashley's estate in either the Hampshire or Berkshire Probate Records.

Aaron Ashley first comes into notice as a soldier in Father Rasle's War (1722-26). He served from May 13 to October 25, 1725, in Capt. John Ashley's company, "guarding Westfield" against an attack by the Indians.* He was also a soldier in Capt. Samuel Barnard's company during the war.†

For a year or two after his first marriage he lived probably in Westfield, for his wife united with the church there in October, 1728. He removed before the summer of 1732 to the new settlement on the Housatonic River, now the town of Sheffield, of which with his brothers Daniel and Ezekiel he was an original proprietor. He also owned land in Great Barrington. He styled himself "husbandman."

Aaron Ashley appears to have taken interest in town affairs in Sheffield. He was chosen town constable in 1734, and held a few other minor offices. He continued to be a resident of Sheffield the greater part of his life.

On March 10, 1740-1, he sold for £150 to Benjamin Day of West Springfield "465 acres of land in the First or lower division of Sheffield, part of which I formerly dwelt on." In this deed he calls himself "of Branford, Connecticut."‡ It is unlikely, however, that he removed his family there, and he calls himself "of Sheffield" again on July 27, 1742. On August 5, 1742, he repurchased his old farm of Day, paying but £37-10^s for it.

From 1745 to 1748 he lived in Westfield, and is spoken of as Ensign Aaron Ashley. He enlisted from there as a soldier in King George's War, and served from November 16, 1747, to January 12, 1747-8, in Capt. William Lyman's company at Fort Massachusetts, part of the time acting as sentinel.§

In 1755 he had returned again to Sheffield. The French and Indian War had begun, and he was made sergeant of Capt. Elisha Noble's company in the South Hampshire Regiment, raised for the Crown Point expedition, and served from September 12 to December 6, 1755.|| He reënlisted March

* Mass. Arch., vol. 90, p. 164, where his name appears on "A Muster Roll of eight soldiers listed by Capt. John Ashley by order of Col. Samuel Partridge, Esq., which soldiers were improved in guarding the inhabitants of Westfield."

† Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."

‡ But neither town or church records there mention him.

§ Mass. Arch., vol. 92, roll 71.

|| Ditto, vol. 94, rolls 1 and 42.

30, 1756, in Capt. John Burk's company, Col. Joseph Dwight's regiment, for the Crown Point expedition, and served thirty weeks and traveled fifty miles. The roll is dated October 11, 1756, in camp at Fort William Henry, and mention is made that "Aaron Ashley was left sick at the Flatts." He was discharged October 25th, according to the rolls of that company,* but is reported as serving until November 5th in Capt. John Fellow's company.† His name is in "a list of the men that went out of the First Foot Company in Sheffield to Fort Edward on the Alarm in the year 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry, the number of miles each traveled and the number of days each lay at Fort Edward, with one day in the same column to provide for their march before they set out and also the sum allowed for a horse each day while in camp, etc." "Aaron Ashley, 204 miles at 2/8 each 15 miles, 36/; 9 days at 2/8, 24/6; 8 days, 5/4; sum total £3 : 5^s : 4^d."‡

In the spring of the following year, 1758, he was living in Westfield again, but continued to serve in the army. "A Billiting Roll of Capt. Jonathan Ball's company in Col. William Williams' regiment made up at Northampton: Aaron Ashley of Westfield enlisted April 14, 1758, received King's allowance May 31, 1758, 47 days at 6^d per day."^s In the "Muster Roll of Capt. Jonathan Ball of Granville in the Expedition to Canada: Aaron Ashley enlisted April 14, 1758, discharged November 3, 1758, received £13 : 2^s : 4^d."[¶] He reënlisted from Westfield on April 6, 1759, in Capt. John Bancroft's company, Brig.-Gen. Timothy Ruggles, and served until December 1, 1759, "in the late expedition to Crown Point, and received £15 : 8^s : 7^d."^{**}

His service in this campaign seems to have been the last military duty performed by Aaron Ashley. In the following year, 1760, and up to the time of his third marriage, he was living in Sheffield. After his marriage he seems to have lived

* Mass. Arch., vol. 94, rolls 421 and 446; vol. 95, roll 93.

† Ditto, vol. 98, p. 322, where his date of enlistment is given Mar. 10, 1756, "From Crown Point to Sheffield."

‡ Mass. Arch., vol. 96, roll 28; vol. 97, roll 151.

§ Ditto, vol. 96, roll 330.

¶ Ditto, roll 444.

** Ditto, vol. 97, roll 368.

for a few years in Westfield, but returned to Sheffield before 1770, and died there about ten years later.*

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS. :

By first wife :

- i. SARAH, b. 28 July 1732 ; d. 24 Nov. 1732.
- ii. BETHIA, b. 16 Nov. 1733† ; m. 26 Oct. 1752, Simon‡ Cooley of Sunderland, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

By second wife :

- 28. iii. WILLIAM,§ b. about 1742.
- iv. SARAH,§ b. 2 Sept. 1745 ; m. Augustine Austin of Sheffield.
- v. HANNAH, b. 16 July 1748 || ; m. 10 July 1766, Col. Oliver Root of Pittsfield, Mass.

*By third wife : ***

- vi. MEHITABLE, b. 26 June 1765 ; †† m. 25 June 1807, Capt. Silas King of Westfield.
- vii. BETHIA, b. 4 Nov. 1766 ; pub. intent. of m. 29 Oct. 1794, Ebenezer Saxton of Deerfield, Mass. ††

12. Rev. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Samuel*,³ *David*,² *Robert*¹), born 11 October 1709 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 8 February 1797 in Sunderland, Mass. ; married 16 February 1736-7 in Westfield, ANNA DEWEY,§§ daughter of Capt. Adijah and Sarah (Root) Dewey, and sister of the wives of his brother Aaron (11) and his cousin David Ashley (14), born 22 March 1709 in Westfield ; died 15 July 1791 in Sunderland.

* Descendants in Richmond, N. Y., wrote that they understood his gravestone was in one of the six cemeteries in Sheffield, but the compiler could not find it. As has been said in a previous foot-note, there is no mention of his estate in the probate records.

† Bapt. 13 May 1734 in Westfield, where her four younger sisters were also baptized.

‡ By Sund. T. Rec. and fam. rec., correcting *Simeon* by West. T. Rec.

§ Mentioned in the will of their grandfather Capt. John Day, dated 7 Jan. 1746-7 and proved 9 Jan. 1753. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 15.]

|| Correcting "Root Genealogy," p. 351, which gives her birthplace *Sheffield*.

** See page 38, foot note **.

†† By West. Ch. Rec., correcting 1764 by West. T. Rec.

‡‡ The above six daughters are the only children of Aaron Ashley to be found in the Sheffield or Westfield records. A granddaughter of his daughter Sarah, Mrs. Ophelia Pelton, aged 82, of Pittsfield, Mass., and the oldest granddaughter of his son William, Mrs. Sarah A. Hopkins (No. 51, ix), aged 79, of Castile, N. Y., had heard only of the children of the second wife ; while descendants of the other daughters knew nothing at all about Aaron Ashley's family.

§§ Received into the church in Westfield Feb. 27, 1737-8.

Joseph Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1730. He studied theology and settled in what was then called Arlington,* but afterwards became the town of Winchester, in the southwestern part of New Hampshire, and was ordained first pastor of the church there on November 24, 1736. "He was given £150 towards his settlement, and was to receive a salary of £130 and the ministerial right in land. The generosity of this salary is noticeable, for the governor of the Province received but £100 and the minister at Portsmouth, then the largest and wealthiest settlement, the same as Mr. Ashley."[†] Mr. Ashley was also interested in the grant of the town of Putney.

The settlement at Winchester was broken up by the Indians in 1746, and Mr. Ashley was regularly dismissed in April, 1747, and on November 10th was installed pastor of the Congregational church in Sunderland, Mass. His Tory sentiments caused difficulty between him and his congregation, and in December, 1784, by advice of an ecclesiastical council, he desisted from the exercise of his pastoral office. He was not dismissed, however, though another pastor was settled in 1792 and dismissed in 1793, but continued in office as "pastor emeritus" until his death.[‡]

Mr. Ashley's position in religious controversies was similar to that of his cousin Rev. Jonathan Ashley. He was one of the majority on the council which dismissed Jonathan Edwards, and one of the joint authors of "An Account of the Conduct" of that council, published in a pamphlet of eight pages.[§]

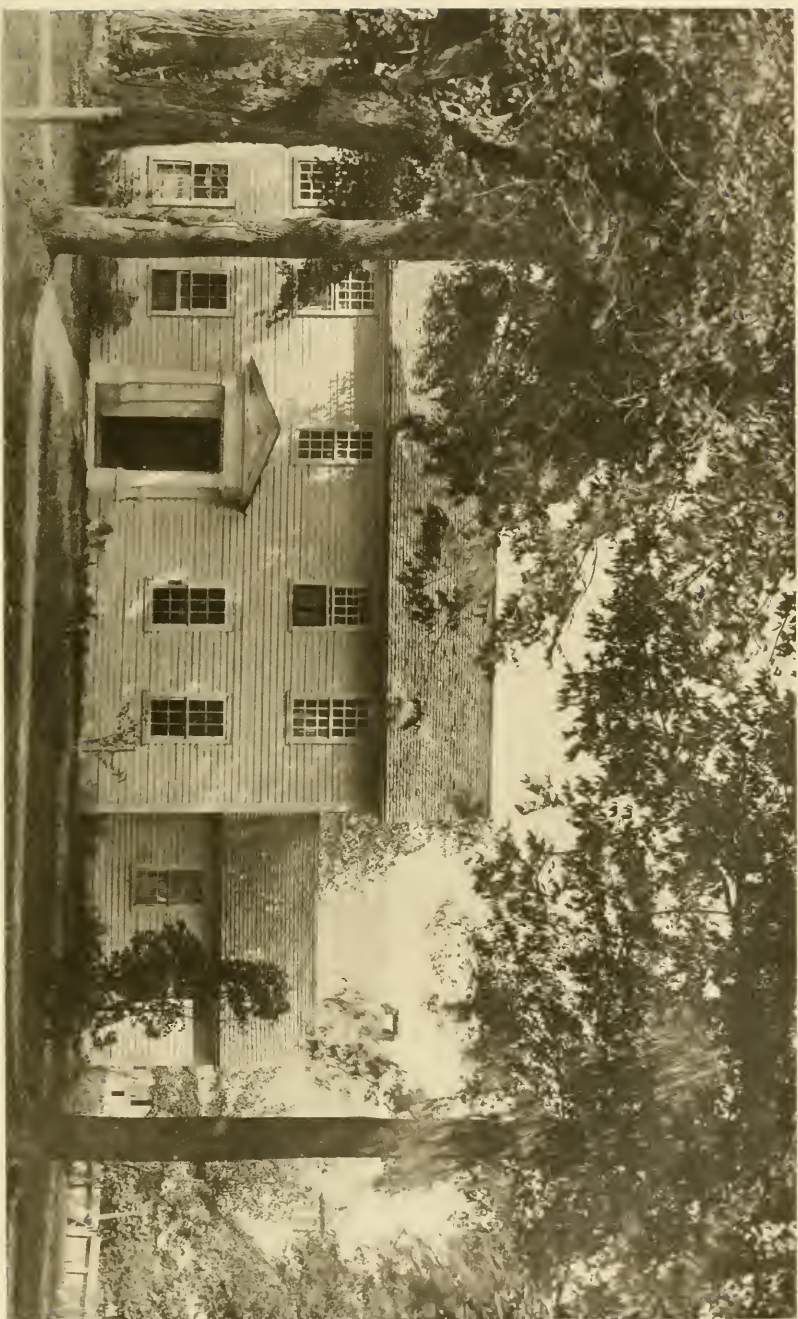
The house in which Parson Ashley lived in Sunderland was built for a parsonage in 1717. It stands next south of the site of the first meeting-house, erected in 1717, and next north of the present church. The "minister's lot" where Parson Ashley lived is on the southwest corner of the main street and the road leading west to the bridge over the Connecticut River. The house is the oldest one in the town and is still in a good state of preservation. The "study," just back of the

* He was called "of Arlington" when he published his intention of marriage with Miss Dewey in 1732.

† Letter from Mr. Charles B. Spofford of Claremont, N. H.

‡ Letter from Rev. E. P. Butler of Sunderland, Mass.

§ The author is indebted to Prof. F. B. Dexter's "Yale Biographies and Annals."



ASHLEY HOMESTEAD, SUNDERLAND, MASS.

upper front hall, is six feet by ten, and is lighted by two windows six feet above the floor, the panes of glass being six by eight inches. It is said that the windows were thus arranged so that the minister's thoughts would not be distracted by the outside world while writing his sermons. There is a cupboard in the room which is said to have been made for the minister's wines.* It was not used as a parsonage by any minister after Mr. Ashley, and at his death came into possession of his son Gideon. No record of the settlement of the estate of Rev. Joseph Ashley has been found.

Money to erect a suitable monument to the memory of Rev. Mr. Ashley was provided by the will of his granddaughter Charlotte Ashley (31, iii). It is a slab of white marble supported on marble posts, and must have been quite expensive. The inscription is as follows :

In Memory of
REV. JOSEPH ASHLEY
the Son of MR. SAMUEL ASHLEY who
was born at Westfield Mass. Oct. 11th.
1709 Graduated at Yale College 1730
was married to Miss Anna Dewey Feb^r
16th 1736 Ordained over the Church
& People of Winchester N. H. 1736 left
Winchester on account of troubles by
Indians 1745 installed over the
Church and People in Sunderland 1749
died Feb^r 8th 1797 in the 61st year of
his Ministry and in the 88th year of
his age
Sound in Judgment meek in Spirit
exemplary in life a friend of peace
a steady believer in the doctrines
of grace respected by his People &
esteemed by his Brethren in the Min-
istry
They that be wise shall shine as the
brightness of the firmament and
they that turn many to rig-
hteousness as the stars
forever and ever

* Letter from Miss Abbie T. Montague of Sunderland, who also kindly superintended the photographing of the house.

The inscription on Mrs. Ashley's monument is as follows :

This Monument
is Erected to the
Memory of M^{rs}
Anna Ashley
Consort of the
Rev Joseph Ashley
who died July 15
1791 in the 82
Year of her Age
Blessed are the dead,
which die in the Lord
Rev—14. 13

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN WINCHESTER, N. H.:

- 29. i. JOSEPH, b. 26 Apr. 1738.
- 30. ii. STEPHEN, b. 27 Nov. 1740.
- 31. iii. GIDEON, b. 15 May 1743.
- iv. ANNA, b. 10 May 1745; m. 10 Dec. 1767, Jonathan Russell of Sunderland, Mass.
- v. SARAH, b. 13 Sept. 1750 in Sunderland; m. 21 Oct. 1783,* Benjamin Dickinson of Sunderland.

13. THOMAS ASHLEY (*David*^a, *David*^b, *Robert*^c), born 17 September 1690 in Westfield, Mass.; died 25 August 1755 in Westfield; married 8 July 1714 in Westfield, REBECCA SACKETT, daughter of William and Hannah (Crane) Sackett, born 16 September 1694 in Westfield; died 15⁺ September 1782 in Westfield.

Thomas Ashley resided in his native town all his life. His house was on the south side of Main Street. He was chosen "viewer" in 1717. On January 9, 1721-2, the town voted "to give Thomas Ashley five or six shillings to encourage him to go and accompany Dea. Thomas Noble in his Journey to New Haven to invite Mr. Brown to come to Westfield to preach." He was chosen town constable in 1731, surveyor of

* By Sund. T. Rec., but probably a mistake for 1773.

+ By West. T. Rec., 17 by gravestone, which says,

"So mays't thou live
till like ripe fruit,
Thou drop into thy mother's
(Lap."

highways in 1739, and one of the committee to take care of the poor in 1744.

Thomas Ashley and his wife united with the church in Westfield on May 9, 1732. He was the owner of a large amount of real estate and a number of slaves.* His widow survived him nearly thirty years.†

NO CHILDREN.

14. DAVID ASHLEY (*David*⁴, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born 26 December 1692 in Westfield, Mass.; died 25 January 1757 in Westfield; married 5 December 1722 in Westfield, MARY DEWEY, daughter of Capt. Adijah and Sarah (Root) Dewey, and sister of the wives of his cousins Aaron Ashley (11) and Rev. Joseph Ashley (12), born 18 September 1701 in Westfield; died[‡]——

David Ashley settled in his native town and styled himself "husbandman." Like most of the Westfield Ashleys, he was interested in the settlements in the Housatonic Valley, and in 1752 he deeded to his son Oliver, then a resident of Sheffield, a piece of land and a one-eight interest in a sawmill "at Pontoosick, north of Stockbridge."

He served in his father-in-law's company of troopers from September 3 to September 25, 1723 (Father Rasle's War).§ He, probably, rather than his son of the same name, was the David Ashley who was impressed with thirteen other men to make up a deficiency in Capt. Elisha Noble's company in the South Hampshire Regiment in the expedition against Crown Point in 1755.||

* His will, dated 25 Aug. 1755 (the day of his death), proved 14 Oct. 1755, mentions his "wife Rebecca, nephew Thomas, not 21, son of his brother Dr. Israel, to have his house and homelot, his brothers David, Moses and Israel, and his sisters Hannah, wife of Hezekiah Porter of Windsor, Mary, wife of Samuel Kellogg and Elizabeth, wife of Dea. James Dewey of Westfield." [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 144.] His inventory [Ditto, p. 163] included a large amount of land and a number of slaves whose names, etc., are recorded in West. T. Rec., vol. 1, p. 75.

† Her will, dated 17 Oct. 1781, proved 1 Oct. 1782, mentions her "kinswoman Rebecca, wife of Alexander Smith of Amherst, her sister Mercy, wife of Reuben Gunn of Westfield," and the slaves as in her husband's inventory. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 13, p. 550.]

‡ She was living as late as 1774.

§ Mass. Arch., vol. 90, p. 94.

|| Ditto, vol. 94, p. 1.

His will, dated 23 Apr. 1753, proved 1 Mar. 1757, mentions his wife and all of his ten children. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 251.]

His gravestone is in the old Westfield cemetery. It is inscribed:

In Memory of
M^r DAVID ASHLEY
who Died
January y^e 25th
A : D 1757 In
y^e 65th Year
of his Age.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MARY, b. 27 Oct. 1723; m. 28 Aug. 1750, Aaron Bush of Westfield.
32. ii. OLIVER, b. 15 Sept. 1725.
33. iii. DAVID, b. 27 Sept. 1727.
34. iv. SIMEON, b. 29 June 1729.
- v. MERCY,* b. 29 Oct. 1731; m. 13 May 1756, Joseph Leonard of West Springfield, Mass.
- vi. THANKFUL, b. 3 Dec. 1733; m. 27 Nov. 1764,† Aaron Ely of West Springfield.
- vii. DORCAS, b. 25 Apr. 1736; m. 19 July 1764, Gerard Pratt of Granville, Mass.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Dec. 1739; m. 27 Dec. 1763, John Williams of Great Barrington, Mass.
- ix. BETHIA, b. 8 Mar. 1741; was living in Westfield in 1771, unmarried.
- x. KEZIA, b. 4 Oct. 1745; was living in Canaan, Conn., in 1772, unmarried.‡

15. MOSES ASHLEY (*David*,⁴ *David*,² *Robert*¹), born 9 October 1703 in Westfield, Mass.; died 29 April 1782 in Washington, Mass.; published intention of marriage 19 January 1744-5 in Springfield, Mass.,§ with SARAH TAYLOR, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Munn^{||}) Taylor, born 5 August 1721 in Springfield; died 4 June 1795 in Washington.**

Moses Ashley settled in Westfield. He was elected a select-

* Wrongly recorded *Mary* in Springfield at the time of her marriage.

† Correcting "Ely Genealogy" which gives the date of the *intention* of the marriage.

‡ She is mentioned in Rev. Mr. Ballantine's diary of that year in an unfortunate connection.

§ Also published in Westfield that day.

|| Mr. Louis M. Dewey of Westfield agrees with the compiler.

** Aged 73 by her gravestone, which corresponds with the year of birth as here given.

man in 1731, and to several town offices, such as surveyor of highways, sealer of weights, etc. He styled himself "husbandman." He was a soldier in the French and Indian War as appears by the following extracts :

"The Province of Massachusetts Bay Dr. for soldiers upon a Larrum to New London when the cattel was killed, by order of Ajutant Mather in the year 1742 : Moses Ashley, one day each man and a horse, 22 days at 2/6 pr day. Westfield February 4, 1747-8."*

"For going to Deerfield upon a Larrum under Col. Stoddard with a week's provision for man and horse to go to Hoosuck May 27 and 28, days when Hoosaek was rebuilding and was sacked by the Eneme. Moses Ashley, corporal. . . . The fore particular accounts on this sheet have been examined from our former minutes from which our former accounts was made which was burned in the town house of Boston February 25, 1747."†

Moses Ashley was interested in the development of the new towns in the Housatonic Valley, and on April 5, 1768, he sold lot No. 25, 100 acres, in the town of Lenox to John Hewitt of Norwich, Conn. He removed to Hartwood, now Washington, Mass., on March 31, 1772.* On April 30, 1772, he sold land in Westfield given him by the will of his brother Thomas. He continued to reside in Washington the remainder of his life.

A little over a mile northeast of Washington center is Ashley Lake, a beautiful natural reservoir of pure water, now owned by the Pittsfield Water Company and the main source of supply for that city. Moses Ashley lived near this lake, which was included in his farm, and this doubtless gave it its name.

The gravestones of Moses Ashley and his wife are badly broken, and were found and deciphered with some difficulty.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. SARAH, b. 17 Sept. 1746 ; m. 20 June 1770, William Bill "late of New London."
- ii. JERUSHA, b. 20 Jan. 1747-8 ; d. 23 July 1748.

* Mass. Arch., vol. 73, p. 83.

† Ditto, p. 84.

‡ By Rev. John Ballantine's diary.

- 35. iii. MOSES, b. 16 June 1749.
- iv. LOVISA, b. 4 Feb. 1750-1; d. 12 Aug. 1752.
- 36. v. AZARIAH, b. 2 Feb. 1753-4.
- vi. LOVISA, b. 18 Jan. 1755; d. 16 Sept. 1756.
- vii. MARY, b. 19 Feb. 1757; m. 27 July 1775, John Phelps of Washington, Mass.
- viii. MIRANDA, b. 18 Dec. 1758; m. 8 July 1779, Bille Messenger of Becket, Mass.
- ix. LUCY, b. 23 Mar. 1761; lived with her sister Miranda till about 1812, when she removed with her sister Mercy to Ohio, and died there, unmarried.
- x. ANNE, b. 24 Jan. 1763*; m. 15 June 1786, Mark Eames, Esq., of Washington.
- xi. MERCY, b. 22 July 1766; m. 9 Feb. 1792, Nathan Birchard of Becket, Mass., and Windham, Ohio.
- xii. A child (stillborn) 30 Apr. 1770.†

16. Dr. ISRAEL ASHLEY (*David*,⁴ *David*,² *Robert*'), born 14 October 1710 in Westfield, Mass.; died 2 August 1758 in Stillwater, N. Y.; married 20 November 1735 in Westfield, MARGARET MOSELEY, daughter of Quartermaster John and Hannah (——) Moseley, born 2 June 1714 in Westfield; died 25 July 1791 in Westfield.

Israel Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1730, and became a physician in his native town. At a town meeting held in Westfield May 11, 1732, "Mr. Israel Ashley agreed to keep the school from Monday the 15th for five months." On March 12, 1733, he was elected treasurer of the town, and held that office until his death, a period of twenty-two years. He was elected a selectman in 1747, a justice of the peace for Hampshire County in 1755, and a deacon of the Congregational Church in 1746;[‡] all of which offices he continued to hold until his death. He also served on the school committee and was otherwise prominent in town affairs. His general standing may be inferred from the regard of Jonathan Edwards, who speaks of him, in 1751, as "A very serious, pious man, and very active and discerning in the management of affairs."[§]

* By West. T. Rec., bapt. 23 Jan. 1762 by West. Ch. Rec.

† By Rev. John Ballantine's diary.

‡ "Israel Ashley, A.M., received into full communion Feb. 23, 1734." [West. Ch. Rec.]

§ The compiler is indebted to Prof. F. B. Dexter's "Yale Biographies and Annals," p. 404.

Doctor Ashley lived on the Ashley homestead on the south side of Main Street. In 1747, when it was decided "to fort" the town of Westfield, his house was selected "to make a fort round." The following particulars of Doctor Ashley's military service are to be found in the Massachusetts Archives.

"Petition of Israel Ashley of Westfield, October 10, 1750. He had a negro man, Pompey, enlisted for the Canada Expedition under Mr. McClanachan in the company of Captain Clapham which went to Annapolis and Minas. He was captured and carried to Quebec, where he now is."*

"November 8, 1754. The memorial of Israel Ashley of Westfield: Humbly sheweth that whereas your Memorialist with Captain Isaac Cotton were in the Alarm at Stockbridge, sent there by Col. Jonathan Worthington for their relief and defense with about Sixty men, and as there is no establishment for the payment of such men, your Memorialist requests the same may be taken into your consideration and some establishment be made therefor, as in Duty Bound, shall ever Pray,

ISRAEL ASHLEY (Capt.)"†

"December 26, 1754. This Memorial Humbly sheweth Israel Ashley, of Westfield, that when Captain Cotton and he were about returning home with the Companies under their Command were ordered to Stockbridge and adjacent Places (in the late Alarm there) by the Colonel of the Regiment. The considering the Distressed Circumstances of Sixteen or Eighteen men, some of them belonging to Connecticut for the Protection of the People for one month under the care of Colonel Dwight. That in Consequence thereof thirteen men being promised to their pay by particular gentlemen in Case this Government should decline to pay them for their service engaged therein and faithfully did the Duty of Soldiers there the most of them for the whole time aforesaid, in watching, warding and Scouting, Wherefore the said Ashley humbly prays that the said Service may be considered as the proper service of this Government and allowance made, as in Duty bound shall ever Pray,

ISRAEL ASHLEY."‡

"February 18, 1755. Israel Ashley Humbly sheweth that upon the last sitting of the Court the account of Charles Goodrich and Abner Dewey of Pontusick of Expences and Entertaining the Company forces when they came to relieve them and their Neighbors in their Distress by Circumstances by reason of the Great Allarm at Stockbridge were then Exhibited but no allowance made to Discharge the same.

Your Memorialist (In behalf of the said Charles Goodrich and Abner Dewey) Prays the said account may now be taken into Consideration and Do what shall be thought Proper thereon, as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray,

ISRAEL ASHLEY."§

* Mass. Arch., vol. 73, p. 726.

† Ditto, vol. 74, p. 264. Colonel Worthington's regiment was the South Hampshire, and Captain Ashley served from September 3d to September 9th. [Mass. Arch., vol. 93, p. 115.]

‡ Ditto, vol. 74, p. 396.

§ Ditto, p. 337.

Doctor Ashley had under his care at Westfield many sick and wounded soldiers from the army or the forts during the war. In 1758 he was appointed chief surgeon under Colonel William Williams in the Expedition against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and died of the small pox at Stillwater, Saratoga County, N. Y., in his forty-eighth year.*

"May 28, 1760. Margaret Ashley, widow of Dr. Israel Ashley of Westfield who went as chief Chirurgeon to the late expedition to Crown Point under Colonel Williams, in 1758; he received of Dr. Sylvester Gerdner a quantity of Drugs upon the Government account; he put them with other Government stores in a box, to the value of £30, etc." (She asks for remuneration.)†

The red sand-stone gravestones of Dr. Israel Ashley and his wife are in the old Westfield cemetery. They are inscribed:

In Memory of ISRAEL
ASHLEY, Esq^r who being
Abroad in the Public
Service as Surgeon
of a rigement Died at
Still waters Aug^t 2^d: 1758
in y^e 47th Year of his Age

Procrastination is the Thief of
Time; Year after Year it Steals
till all is fled: And to the
Mercies of a Moment leaves
The vast concerns of an
Eternal scene:

Also In Memory of his
four Infant Children
Named THEODOSIA
SOLOMON THOMAS
& SOPHIA

In Memory of
Mrs. MARGARET
ASHLEY, who
died 25th July
1791, in the 77th
Year of her Age.

Life is a bubble
quickly broke:
A tale forgot
as soon as spoke.
A shadow changing
with the sun:
Which spreads itself
& then is gone.

* "Aug. 5th, 1758. Advise this Day y^t Doct^r Ashley of C^t W^m Williams' Reg^t was Dead of the Small Pox at Saratogue." [Dr. Caleb Rae's Journal, "Essex Inst.," xviii, 17.]

The will of Israel Ashley, "gentleman," dated 9 June 1758, proved 17 Aug. 1758, "being engaged in an expedition against Canada," mentions his wife Margaret and children Israel, William, Margaret and Theodosia. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 9, p. 23, with inventory on p. 195.]

† Mass. Arch., vol. 79, p. 173.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ELIZABETH, b. 26 Sept. 1736 ; d. 31 Dec. 1736.
- ii. ISRAEL, b. 22 Nov. 1737 ; d. 29 Dec. 1742. "Flos Aetatis."
- iii. EZRA, b. 3 Feb. 1739-40 ; d. 7 Jan. 1742-3. "Pueri Charissimi."
- iv. SOLOMON, b. 20 Sept. 1741 ; d. 5 Jan. 1742-3.
- v. THEODOSIA, b. 1 Nov. 1743 ; d. 9 June 1746.
- vi. MARGARET, b. 23 Sept. 1745 ; m. 29 Oct. 1766, Jonathan Dwight, Esq., of Springfield, Mass.
- 37. vii. ISRAEL, b. 15 June 1747.
- viii. SOLOMON, b. 20 Jan. 1748-9 ; d. — Feb. 1748-9.
- ix. THEODOSIA, b. 2 Jan. 1749-50 ; m. 23 Oct. 1770, Rev. Aaron Bascom of Chester, Mass.
- x. THOMAS, } twins, d. in infancy.*
- 38. xi. WILLIAM, } b. 18 May 1752.
- xii. SOPHIA, bapt. 20 Apr. 1755 ; d. in infancy.†

17. Major NOAH ASHLEY (*John^s, David², Robert¹*), born 15 June 1704 in Westfield, Mass. ; killed in battle 8 September 1755 near Lake George ; married, 1st, in June 1732 in Hatfield, Mass., DOROTHY DWIGHT, daughter of Capt. Henry and Lydia (Hawley) Dwight, born 17 September 1709 in Hatfield ; died 13 January 1745 in Westfield. He married, 2d, 16 February 1747 in Hadley, Mass., MIRIAM PORTER, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Colton) Porter, born 30 January 1724-5 in Hadley. She published intention of marriage 13 November 1759 in Westfield with Samuel Smith of that town, and died there 7 December 1762.

Noah Ashley passed the first five years of his married life in his native town, of which he was chosen constable in 1737. In 1738 he removed with his family to that part of Brookfield that became Western[‡], and is now Warren, in Worcester County, Mass. The first town meeting after the incorporation of the town in January, 1741, was held on March 8th, and Noah Ashley was chosen moderator. In May, 1743, he and three others were chosen a committee to build the meeting-house, which was "to be 45 by 35 feet, and 20 feet and 6 inches from sill to plate." At a town meeting held on March

* He is mentioned in the will of his uncle Thomas Ashley (13) of 1755, but not in that of his father of 1758. [See his father's gravestone.]

† Her birth is not recorded. [See her father's gravestone.]

‡ *Weston* is given as his residence in deeds drawn about that time, and the return of his second marriage was made to that town by mistake of the town clerk of Hadley.

8, 1741-2, he was chosen moderator and selectman, and was reëlected to those offices at each successive annual meeting during his residence in Western, being first selectman in 1748. He was also elected town clerk from 1746, and appears to have been one of the leading citizens of the community.

He returned to Westfield in 1752, and he and his wife were recommended to the church in Westfield from the church in Western in December of that year. He had been received into full communion in the Westfield church on January 10, 1737-8. He was elected a selectman of Westfield in 1752 and 1753. He was also moderator of town meetings and held other town offices, among them those of assessor in 1752 and school committeeman in 1753, when a new schoolhouse was built. He was appointed a justice of the peace for Worcester County in 1753 and for Hampshire County in 1754.

The following anecdote is told of Noah Ashley: "He was returning from work at Pochasnuck, and was met by an Indian near the Bancroft house. Both drew up their guns, but Ashley fired first and the Indian fled. He was tracked by blood through the brush to a place nearby, but was never found. The plain has ever since been called Indian Plain."*

"August 26, 1724, a party of the enemy, probably the same that shot Edwards near Northampton the day before, appeared at Westfield. An Englishman was wounded, and one of the assailants, a Scatacook, was killed by Noah Ashley, who received £100 for his scalp."†

"March 9, 1725, Capt. Thomas Wells of Deerfield led a scouting party of sixty-five men out towards the frontiers of Canada. They came back on the Connecticut River in canoes. April 24th, one of these, containing Lient Joseph Clesson, Samuel Harmon, James Porter, Simeon Pomroy, Thomas Alexander and Noah Ashley, was upset in the rapids at the 'French King,' near the mouth of Miller's River, and the three last named were drowned. The others reached land with great difficulty with the loss of all their arms and effects."‡

* Davis' "History of Westfield."

† Sheldon's "History of Deerfield," vol. 1, p. 429.

‡ Sheldon's "History of Deerfield," vol. 1, p. 443. This, of course, is a mistake so far as to the drowning of Noah Ashley.

Major Ashley's military career was as follows :

His name appears on "A Muster Roll of eight soldiers listed by Capt. John Ashley [his father] by order of Col. Samuel Partridge, Esq., which soldiers were improved in guarding the inhabitants of Westfield." He served from May 13 to October 25, 1725.* "Paid Noah Ashley from Westfield to Northampton to Colo. Stoddard (express), 8s." "Paid Noah Ashley for carrying letters to Colo. Stoddard with John Pell, 16s." "Captain Noah Ashley went May, 1748, to Worcester and Lunenburg."† He was ensign in Capt. Thomas Buckminster's company of forty-eight Brookfield men, August 6 to August 20, 1748, which saw service at Fort Dummer and the western frontier.‡

A letter from Noah Ashley, dated at Westfield, July 30, 1751, gives,

"The account of what I paid for the charges for the captives that the Honorable Colonel Wendal sent from Albanay to Brookfield. I received them at Westfield by Colonel Wendal's letter, and sent them to the tavern and paid £00,16,00 lawful money, and the next day I sent them to Brookfield with a man and five horses which cost me £12,00,00, and their expenses cost me four pounds, all cost me old tenor £16,00,00, and I paid Mr. Clap £06,00,00, and to seting six of them on horses £01,10,00, the whole of the account £23,10,00, old tenor.

NOAH ASHLEY."§

Major Ashley enlisted March 29, 1755, in Col. Ephraim Williams' regiment.¶ He was present "at a Council of War held at camp at Grate Carrying Place August 22, 1755, by the Hon^{ble} Major-General Johnson, Commander in Chief of the Provincial Troops raised in the present Expedition against Crown Point."***

The expedition to Crown Point was under the command of Col. Johnson of the Hampshire County troops. The army advanced as far as the south end of Lake George in the latter part of August, and waited for the arrival or construction of batteaux to carry them to Crown Point. In the meantime Baron Dieskau with a large force of French regulars, Cana-

* Mass. Arch., vol. 90, p. 164.

† Ditto, vol. 73, p. 295.

‡ Ditto, vol. 92, p. 132.

§ Ditto, vol. 74, p. 32.

¶ Ditto, vol. 94, p. 7; Col. Worthington's So. Hampsh. Reg. by Ditto, vol. 95, roll 19.

*** "N. H. State Papers," vol. 6, p. 422.

dians and Indians had continued to advance, and on September 8th was within a few miles of Johnson's camp. The latter had sent forward that morning a thousand men and two hundred Mohawks under Col. Ephraim Williams to intercept the enemy who were supposed to be on the point of attacking Fort Edward. The advance of Col. Williams was discovered by Dieskau, who made his plans to ambush him at a point where the path lay through a ravine. The ambushade was successful, although in their subsequent attack on the camp the enemy were worsted and driven off with loss. The fight lasted four hours and was hotly contested on both sides. The Hampshire regiment suffered most severely, forty-six of the regiment being killed and twenty-four wounded. Among the officers slain was Major Noah Ashley, who fell in the ambushade. "There was a pond in the vicinity, behind which the retreating army took refuge, and into which the French threw the bodies of the slain."*

"The Petition of Miriam Ashley, widow of Major Noah Ashley, who administered the estate of her late husband. When my husband was killed in the late expedition near Lake George, being one of the scouts and in the front of the battle, was soon stripped of sundry value things by the Enemy; She begs for an allowance therefore." March 31, 1756.†

CHILDREN: ‡

By first wife:

- i. NOAH, b. 15 Apr. 1733; d. 17 May 1733.
- ii. DOROTHY, b. 29 July 1734; d. 17 July 1738.
- iii. JOHN, b. 6 Apr. 1736; § d. 10 Aug. 1738.
- iv. DOROTHY, b. 1 July 1739; m. 13 Aug. 1761, William Colton of Longmeadow, Mass.
- v. SIMEON, b. 16 July 1742; removed before 1769 to Boston, Mass., where he lived till 1783, when he settled in Springfield, Mass.

* "History of Stockbridge," p. 145.

Major Noah Ashley's will, dated 3 July 1755, proved 13 Jan. 1756, mentions his wife Miriam and his children, Simeon, Samuel, Dorothy, Anna and Sarah; and provides that a sum of money be given to the church for a communion service. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 155, with inventory on p. 216.] A division of the estate was not made until 30 Sept. 1769, and was to Simeon Ashley of Boston (his father's house), Dorothy, wife of William Colton, and Noah, Anna and Sarah Ashley (minors). A distribution of the estate was made 1 Oct. 1771, and was to the above children.

† Mass. Arch., vol. 75, p. 661.

‡ The first three and last two in Westfield, Mass., the others in Western (now Warren), Mass. The first three are recorded in Westfield, and all in Western, except viii and ix.

§ Baptized in right of his mother that year by West. Ch. Rec., but 1737 by West. T. Rec.



ASHLEY MONUMENT,
ASHLEY FALLS, Mass.

He called himself a "trader." He is supposed to be the Simeon Ashley who enlisted from Boston May 1, 1775, in Capt. Eleazer Hamblen's company, Col. John Thomas' regiment, served during the siege, and was discharged from the service Aug. 1, 1775.* He is also supposed to be the Simeon Ashley who was "deputy commissioner on forage duty" on a roll dated Mar. 17, 1780.† He d. 14 Mar. 1799 in Springfield, unmarried.‡

By second wife :

- vi. ANNA, b. 20 Feb. 1748; m. 9 Jan. 1770, Joshua Whitney of Salisbury, Conn., and Pittsfield, Mass.§
 - vii. SAMUEL, b. 15 July 1750; d. 27 Aug. 1764 at the home of his uncle Col. John Ashley in Sheffield, Mass.||
 - viii. SARAH, bapt. 6 May 1753; m. 30 Sept. 1773, Wareham Bagg of West Springfield, Mass.
39. ix. NOAH (posthumous), bapt. 8 Feb. 1755-6.**

18. Col. JOHN ASHLEY (*John*^s, *David*^s, *Robert*^s), born 2 December 1709 in Westfield, Mass.; died 1 September 1802 in Sheffield, Mass.; married 3 September 1735 in Claverack, N. Y., HANNAH HOGEBOOM, daughter of Pieter Welse and Jannetje (Müller) Hogeboom, a native of Holland,†† who died 19 June 1790 in Sheffield, in her 78th year.

John Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1730. His father was one of the chief proprietors of the settlement recently made on the Housatonic River which became the town of Sheffield, and the son took up his residence there soon after his admission to the Hampshire Bar in 1732. He lived in that part of Sheffield which was named Ashley Falls in his honor. He rose to distinction as a lawyer; was an extensive land owner and merchant; and became a man of large wealth. He held the title of large tracts of land in the Housatonic Valley and a farm at "Konkepot," three miles east of the river, which he bought of Abraham Root. He owned saw-

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 15, p. 27; vol. 56, p. 237. Roll dated at Roxbury.

† Ditto, vol. 226, p. 457.

‡ He deeded land in Enfield, Conn., Sept. 23, 1791, which had been laid out to his father—"2 acres in the last division." [Enfield records.]

§ Administration was granted on his estate 26 Mar. 1799. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 20, p. 281.] Agreement 21 Sept. 1799 between the heirs, viz.: William and Dorothy Colton, Wareham and Sarah Bagg, Joshua and Anna Whitney, and Noah Ashley of Westfield, joiner. [Ditto, vol. 21, p. 189, with inventory on p. 73.]

|| Correcting her parentage as given in Pierce's "Whitney Genealogy," p. 114.

|| Dutch family bible.

** By West. Ch. Rec., birth not recorded.

†† By "Porter Genealogy," which spells the name *Hoogeboom*.

mills and gristmills in Sheffield, and rights in the iron ore beds at Salisbury, Conn.

John Ashley early took an active part in the management of town affairs. On May 22, 1735, "Obadiah Noble and Ensign Ashley were made choyce of to Dool out Drink* to the labourers for the raising of the meeting house when it is convenient, and likewise to sell Drink to Strangers or Town people, and also to receive the money. Likewise Ensign Ashley to serve as Pinman." On November 7th Ensign Ashley, Dr. Nathaniel Downing and Nathaniel Austin were chosen to lay the affairs of the town before the General Assembly at Boston.

He was a leading member of the First Congregational Church in Sheffield. He was on the committee to supply the pulpit, and was chosen later to settle the differences between Rev. Jonathan Hubbard and the town and church. He had a right "to build a pew" in 1743, and in November, 1761, was appointed "to designate the seats in the new meeting-house."

John Ashley was elected a selectman of Sheffield in 1740, and held that office nearly continuously until 1783. He also presided as moderator at most of the town meetings held during that period. He also served the town in other capacities, such as surveyor of highways, assessor, school committeeman, overseer of the workhouse, and "agent to appear in court in behalf of the town." He represented the town often in the General Court, was after 1753 a justice of the peace, and was elected one of the sheriffs of Hampshire County in 1755.

John Ashley was early interested in military affairs. He was commissioned Captain of the First Foot Company in the town of Sheffield, and later was promoted Major of the South Hampshire Regiment.⁺ In the French and Indian War he led the troops under his command to the relief of Stockbridge and Pontoosnek (Pittsfield) on the "Great Alarm" in September, 1754,[‡] as appears from the following:

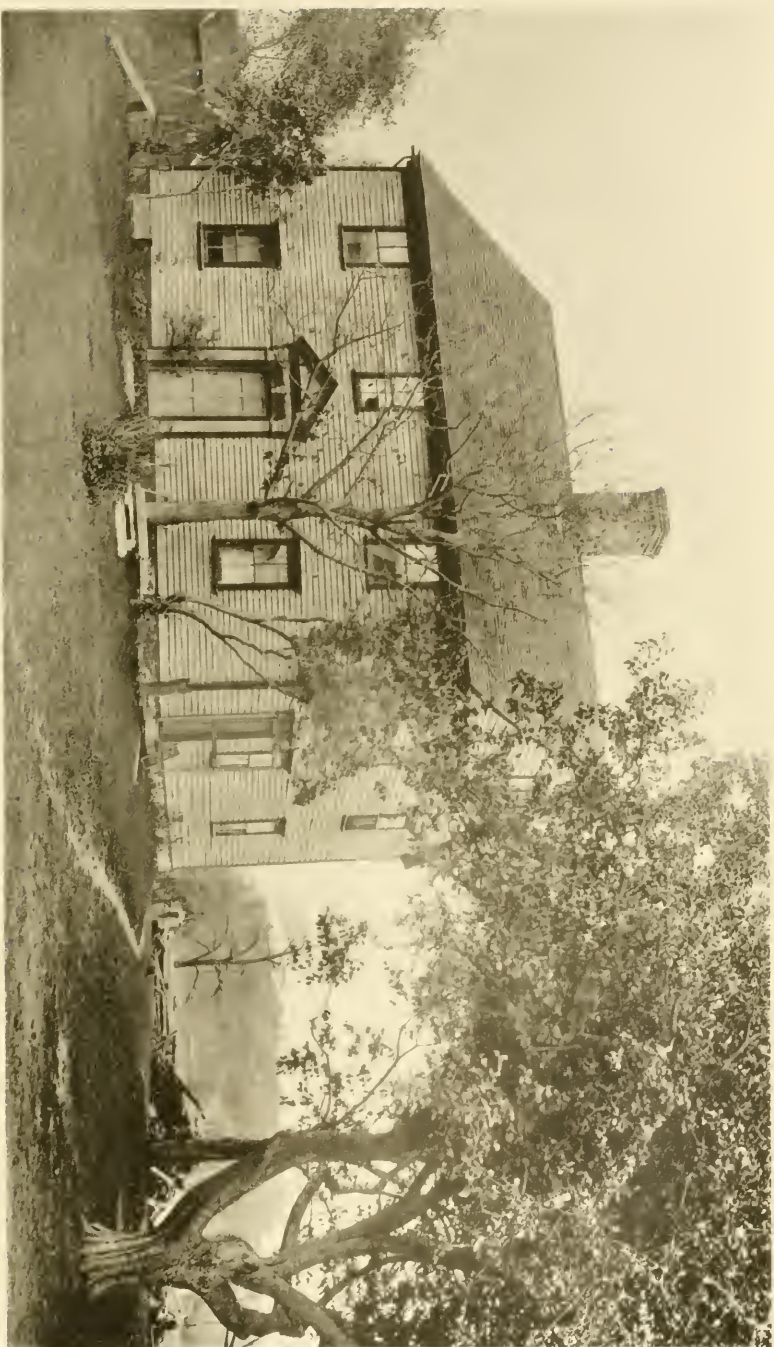
"Memorial of John Ashley, of Sheffield, January 6, 1757.

Wheras your Memorialist received an express from Stockbridge the first of September, 1754, informing of the Distress they was in by the Indian Enemy attack on some parts of the town, immediately mustered

* It had been voted at this meeting to allow "3 barrels of good Beare and 20 gallons of Rum" for this purpose.

† Mass. Arch., vol. 97, p. 151.

‡ Ditto, vol. 96, p. 173.



COL. JOHN ASHLEY'S HOUSE, ASHLEY FALLS, MASS.

the Military Company under my command and also part of the Second Foot Company in Stockbridge, and next day went in pursuit of the Enemy as far as Pontoosuck and found people there in greatest Constrenation and determined to leave the place, but upon your memorialist's advice and promising to leave a few men to guard them until I could send an express to Col. Worthington and Inform him what was done, the people was prevailed upon to stay. Accordingly I prevailed upon 11 men to stay and guard the people a few days upon my promising to pay 2 shillings per day, which money your Memorialist has since been obliged to pay, etc."*

Major Ashley commanded "the men that went out of the First Foot Company in Sheffield to Fort Edward on the Alarm in the year 1757 for the relief of Fort William Henry.[†] He rose in the militia to the rank of Colonel of the South Berkshire Regiment.

With Joseph Dwight, Esq., he was a committee to represent the town in the proceedings which lead to the separation of Berkshire as a distinct county in May, 1761, and his wealth enabled him to supply the county with ready money toward the erection of the county buildings. He was elected a member of the Quorum, and appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berkshire County at its establishment on June 24, 1761. He occupied his seat on the Bench until 1781, with the exception of the period from 1774 to 1779, when the disturbances due to the Revolution caused the suspension of the court.

He acquired an unenviable notoriety, while he represented Sheffield and Great Barrington in the General Court in 1768-69, by voting with sixteen others to rescind a certain circular which had been issued by the General Court on the demand of Governor Bernard. His vote was condemned by the town of Great Barrington, "in town meeting assembled," and the obnoxious seventeen members were branded as "rescindors" and held up to public scorn and contempt. He was reelected, however, the following year.

Colonel Ashley arrayed himself for the popular side in the Revolution, presided at the county convention held at Stock-

* Mass. Arch., vol. 76, p. 171.

† Ditto. vol. 96, roll 28, dated 9 Nov. 1758. "Major John Ashley, 204 miles @ 7¹/₂ each 15 miles, 94/6; 9 days @ 7¹/₂, 33¹/₂; 8 days @ 5/4; sum total: £8-9-10¹/₂."

bridge July 6, 1774, which adopted the non-importation and non-consumption acts. He was one of the committee chosen by the town of Sheffield on January 16, 1775, to receive donations for the relief of the towns of Boston and Charlestown, and was also on the Committee of Correspondence the following year. Colonel Ashley continued a firm and consistent Whig throughout the war.

"Among Colonel Ashley's possessions were a number of negro slaves which he seems to have been inclined to retain in bondage after the Declaration of Independence. Hence the noted case of 'Brom and Bet vs. Ashley,' commenced by writ of personal replevin at the August term of the Court of Common Pleas in 1781."*

Colonel Ashley's homestead was on the west bank of the Housatonic River on what is known as the "back road" between Sheffield and Ashley Falls, about a mile north of the post office in the latter village. The house is still in good order, and is now owned and occupied by Mr. George A. Brewer who was obliged to cut down recently some of the trees which shaded its front. Colonel Ashley's warehouse and store were just across the road from his house, but they have long since been torn down.

Colonel Ashley was patriarchal in appearance, of middling size, and domestic habits. He commenced life with a reasonable capital, which he increased by industry and good management. He became a gentleman of great wealth for the time and locality, and left a large estate, including about one thousand acres of finely cultivated land, most of which he had held from its first settlement.†

Colonel Ashley and his wife were buried in the old cemetery in Sheffield center, and their graves are marked by handsome white marble monuments. On that of Colonel Ashley, under a bas-relief representing a weeping willow and funeral urn, appears the following inscription:‡

* "Berkshire Historical Collections," vol. 1, p. 105.

† His will, dated 21 May 1798, with codicils dated 12 Nov. 1799 and 15 May 1800, was proved 2 Nov. 1802. [Berk. Co. Prob. Rec., file 2195, and Sharon (Conn.) Prob. Rec., vol. 9, 187.]

‡ In 1882 his great-granddaughter Mrs. Bates of Westfield erected a handsome monument to perpetuate his memory, and that of his son John and his son William, her ancestors.

This
monument is erected
to perpetuate the Memory of
COL. JOHN ASHLEY
who departed this life
September 1st 1802 in
the 93^d year of his age

Virtue alone has majesty in Death,
And triumphs most, when most the tyrant frowns;
Earth's highest station ends in 'here he lies,'
And 'dust to dust' concludes her noblest song.

Sacred to
the Memory of
Mrs. Hannah Ashley
consort of
Col. John Ashley Esq
who died June 19
AD. 1790
in the 78 year
of her age.

As Death leaves you,
So judgment will find you.

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS. :

40. i. JOHN, b. 26 Sept. 1736.
- ii. JANE, b. 3 May 1738; m., 1st, 25 May 1757, Dr. William Bull of Sheffield; 2d, 24 Feb. 1762, Capt. Ruloff Dutcher* of Canaan,

* Capt. RULOFF DUTCHER was a son of RULOFF DUTCHER, was an officer in the Revolution, and an extensive land owner in Canaan, where he died 15 Nov. 1803, aged 65. His widow Mrs. JANE (DUTCHER *née* ASHLEY) PORTER d. 31 Aug. 1814 in Salisbury. Their son RULOFF DUTCHER, b. 6 July 1780 in Canaan, inherited his father's homestead, where he d. 23 Aug. 1851. He m. there 14 Oct. 1803, LUCINDA HOWE, daughter of Elisha and Olive (Johnson) Howe, b. 23 Sept. 1787 in South Canaan; d. 27 Aug. 1874 in Amboy, Ill. Their daughter ELIZABETH SHELDON DUTCHER, b. 10 May 1825 in Canaan; m. there 7 July 1843, Gen. FRANCIS BACON, son of Hon. Asa (Yale 1793) and Lucretia (Champion) Bacon, b. 6 Jan. 1819 in Litchfield, Conn.; was graduated at Yale College in 1838, and was a prominent lawyer in his native town, where he d. 16 Sept. 1849. His widow, Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Dutcher) Bacon, m., 2d, Hon. Lewis Carr of New York City, and d. there 9 Oct. 1867. General Bacon's only child, KATHERINE BACON, b. 18 Apr. 1844 in Lancaster, Pa., m. 22 Nov. 1864 in New Haven, Conn., THOMAS RUTHERFORD TROWBRIDGE, son of Thomas Rutherford and Caroline (Hoadley) Trowbridge, who was b. 3 Mar. 1839 in New Haven. Their son FRANCIS BACON TROWBRIDGE was b. there 7 June 1866, was graduated at Yale College in 1887 and the Yale Law School in 1890, and is the compiler of this Genealogy.

Conn. ; 3d, in Aug. 1808, Col. Joshua Porter (Yale 1754) of Salisbury, Conn.*

- iii. MARY, b. 2 Aug. 1740 ; m. 19 Mar. 1762, Gen. John Fellows of Sheffield.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 2 Nov. 1744 ; m. 11 Jan. 1764, Martin Vosburgh of Claverack, N. Y.

19. JAMES ASHLEY (*Joseph^s, David², Robert¹*), born 26 February 1699–1700 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 24 May 1753 in Westfield ; married 30 December 1725 in West Springfield, Mass., MERCY DAY, daughter of Ebenezer and Mercy (Hitchcock) Day, born 4 November 1703 in West Springfield. She married, 2d, 25⁺ July 1766 in Westfield, Ensign Matthew Noble of Westfield.

James Ashley settled in his native town. He and his wife united with the church in Westfield on February 29, 1734. He was chosen town constable in 1741 and tything-man in 1747. He styled himself "yeoman."[‡]

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

- i. MERCY, b. 16 May 1729 ; m. 1 Mar. 1748–9, Capt. John Bancroft of Westfield.
- 41. ii. JOSEPH, b. 18 Feb. 1733–4.
- iii. NAOMI, b. 20 Dec. 1740 ; d. 22 Mar. 1742.

20. AZARIAH ASHLEY (*Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 13 August 1704 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 17 March 1727–8 in Westfield ; married 15 June 1727 in Westfield, ABIGAIL WEL-
LER, daughter of Eleazer and Abigail (—) Weller, born 12 November 1703 in Westfield. She married, 2d, 9 June 1730 in Westfield, Joseph Eggleston of Westfield and Sheffield, Mass.

Azariah Ashley settled in Westfield and was a farmer. He had a right in the Housatonic lands, which had been granted to him by his father.[§]

CHILD BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

- i. AZARIAH, b. 9 Jan. 1727–8 ; member of Westfield church ; d. 15^{||} Sept. 1743.

* Correcting statements made in the "Porter Genealogy," p. 245.

+ By Rev. John Ballantine's diary, 24 by West. T. Rec.

‡ His will, dated 30 Oct. 1750, proved 14 Aug. 1754, mentions his wife Mercy and his children Joseph and Mercy. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 40.]

§ His inventory taken and administration granted on his estate 23 Apr. 1728 to his widow Abigail and his father. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 4, p. 183.]

|| By West. T. Rec., 22 by gravestone.

21. REV. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 11 November 1712 in Westfield, Mass.; died 28 August 1780 in Deerfield, Mass.; married — 1736, DOROTHY WILLIAMS, daughter of Rev. William and Christian (Stoddard) Williams, born 20 June 1713 in Hatfield, Mass.; died 20 September 1808 in Deerfield.

Jonathan Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1730, and studied theology the following year. On January 9, 1731–2, the town of Deerfield, Mass., voted “to invite y^e Worthy Mr. Jonathan Ashley to preach the Gospel here a few Sabaths,” and voted on February 7th to hire him for two months. On April 10th he was chosen minister of the town by a large majority, therein concurring with the church vote.* He accepted, and was ordained second pastor of the Congregational church in Deerfield on November 8, 1732. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. William Williams of Hatfield, whose daughter he subsequently married, and was published (Boston, 1733,) with the title “The Work of Ministers and the Duty of Hearers, asserted and enforced.”†

France declared war on England on March 15, 1744, and on May 21st the town of Deerfield voted to build “mounts” at certain houses in the town, one of which was Mr. Ashley’s. In November Mr. Ashley and Deacon Childs were desired to use their influence with the representatives in the towns below, that they might report the distressed condition of the inhabitants to the General Court and get an allowance for the expense the town had been at in building a garrison to defend itself and neighboring towns. Mr. Ashley considered the distressed condition of the land due to “God’s Anger at the sins of the Nation,” and urged the repentance of the people. “Unfortunately, Mr. Ashley’s character was not a lovable one, and his unpopularity seems to have blinded his flock to a sense of justice towards him. His complaints that he was unfairly treated in the payment of his salary seem well founded.”‡

Mr. Ashley was opposed to the great revival of 1740. Being

* He was admitted to full communion in the church in Westfield Sept. 3, 1732.

† The compiler is indebted to “Yale Biographies and Annals” and Sheldon’s “History of Deerfield” for many facts in this sketch.

‡ Sheldon’s “History of Deerfield,” vol. I, pp. 534, 7.

in Boston, he was invited to preach by the Rev. William Cooper, one of the party which favored the great revival. In accepting, he seized the opportunity to preach so as to manifest his strong disapprobation of revival measures, and subsequently published his discourse, against the urgent request of Mr. Cooper. His position in religious controversies was similar to that of his cousin and classmate Rev. Joseph Ashley (12). He was an active antagonist of Jonathan Edwards in the controversy which resulted in the dismissal of the latter from Northampton, and delivered two sermons there February 10, 1750, as an antidote to Mr. Edwards' preaching.*

The following was written by Rev. Jonathan Ashley "To The Reverend Mr. Stephen Williams at Longmeadow, Springfield, in the Expedition against Crown Point."[†]

Rev^d. & Dear Sir

Col. Whitcomb, but now Informed me he should set out on the morrow morning to Join the Army, I embrace the opportunity of sending a line that you may know we have not forgot you: we daily remember our Dear friends at the throne of Grace: I trust General Braddocks Defeat has made us more importunate in our prayers for the Army and I hope & trust many fervent inwrought prayers are daily ascending to heaven for success to attend our forces: I am truly more encouraged Since the Defeat at the Ohio than before: our dependance seemed to be too much on our warlike preparations — and we Seemed to think the business was done before it was really Begun: and we Seemed to think of no difficulty. but I think we begin to grow more Serious; & I hope more Sensible that our Dependance is on God; and that we begin to grow more Concerned to obtain the gracious presence of God with our forces abroad; I conclude our men will meet the enemy more thot'fully & with better resolution than if they had heard nothing of the Defeat on the Ohio or of the large Numbers Coming against them and I am in hopes that the french being flushed with victory will be more easily routed, not coming with that care they might otherwise do: But I am full of Concern how things will Issue: this should quiet us that the Lord Sitteth on the floods the Lord Sitteth King Forever and we have the Sure promise of a Glorious & Exalted Redeemer that the Gates of hell shall not prevail against the chh of Christ; God will not allways suffer power to be on the Side of the oppressors of his people, he will sooner or later arise & plead the Cause of his Suffering Saints, we are ready to

* "Yale Biographies and Annals," pp. 406-7.

† "Important Ante Revolutionary Letters" in "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 4, p. 87.

See "Massachusetts Historical Society Proceedings," vol. 20, p. 47, for mention of Rev. Jonathan Ashley as Fellow of the proposed "Queen's College" [1762].

wonder he delays so long, & Suffers a Proud & Haughty nation to distress his poor Saints ; Dear Sir I pray God to be with you & carry you tho' the abundant Labours he calls you to ; that he would preserve your health & Strengthen your inward & outward man daily, and give you grace sufficient for the trials of the present Day ; & make you a happy instrument of reforming our Army that they may be an holy camp & the Lord, be in the midst of them : we have no news to send our friends are generally well excepting my family who are poorly with the mumps feaver & ague & and some other disorders, please to remember me & when you come near to God : please to remember me to Coll the Doctor, and all friends & acquaintance I am Sir your unworthy Brother in the Gospel & very Humble Servant

JONATHAN ASHLEY.

Deerfield August 30, 1755.

" March 21, 1758, about fifty Indians came to Morrison's Fort [Coleraine], wounded John Morrison and John Henry, killed several cattle and sheep, and after they had roasted, and fed themselves, came and fired at the fort and went off and lodged within a mile and a half of the fort."*

"Ashley was not satisfied with the conduct of the people on this occasion," writes Mr. Sheldon, "and in his next sermon belabors them heartily. . . . He is indignant that 'no attempt was made to pursue and overtake' the marauders, etc. . . . It would be interesting and instructive to know the comments made by his hearers on this arraignment."† It is to be hoped that it had a salutary effect.

In the Revolutionary War Mr. Ashley favored the side of the British. The following extracts will serve to show how unpopular he must have made himself by the expression of such sentiments.

" July 22, 1774, Parson Ashley had a tea party in defiance of the non-consumption association, and his son carried a pound of tea, which he had procured Fast day of Israel Williams and Son at Hatfield, to the wife of Parson Roger Newton at Greenfield." . . . "The fast appointed for November 3d was observed by religious services here. Mr. Lyman of Hatfield preached in the morning and Rufus Wells of Whately, a Deerfield man, in the afternoon. Parson Ashley would have nothing to do with the affair. As he firmly believed the Lord was on the side of the King, it would only be labor thrown away." . . . "December 11th, Par-

* Contemporaneous account by Rev. Jonathan Ashley, written on the margin of a sermon which he preached March 26th. [See Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."]

† Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."

son Ashley refused to read the proclamation issued by the Congress for a thanksgiving day, but at the request of the people it was read by his son, Esq. Jonathan Ashley."*

"Rev. Jonathan Ashley was settled here for life, and nothing short of an ecclesiastical, as well as civil revolution, could unsettle him. He had prayed publicly for the King for forty years, and continued true to him and his ministers, and he took no pains to conceal his loyalty. He was a strong minded man and his influence was all against the Whigs and their wicked rebellion. The Whigs were desirous of getting rid of him by any means in their power. The town, hoping to freeze him out, in 1774, refused to vote him any salary or fire-wood. At a town meeting December 4, 1774, Article 1 was 'to see if the Town will reconsider a vote passed December 6, 1762, respecting an addition to ye Rev. Mr. Ashley's Salary.' The vote was not to reconsider. The Tories carried the day."*

"The Tories in Western Massachusetts were few in number, and occupied everywhere a very uncomfortable position. After the opening of hostilities, those who favored the cause of the King, at heart, were very chary in the expression of their sentiments. That there were a few brawlers, is evident, from the petition of the county convention assembled at Northampton in 1777. The clergy, as has already been stated, were almost unanimously in favor of the patriot cause. Among those who were in reality opposed to it were Rev. Mr. Ashley of Deerfield, who had married a relative of Gov. Hutchinson, and Rev. Mr. Newton of Greenfield, over whom Mr. Ashley was supposed to exercise considerable influence. On one occasion these two clergymen made an exchange, and Mr. Ashley was informed by Mr. Newton that he might take the occasion to treat upon the subject of the Revolution, 'by way of caution to the people.' Mr. Ashley somewhat enlarged upon the liberty granted him, and seriously offended the congregation. During the intermission of service, at noon, the friends of the patriot cause assembled and talked the matter over. They finally resolved themselves into a meeting, and chose a committee to take measures in relation to the afternoon preaching, which they did by fastening up the meeting house. When Mr. Ashley came to commence the afternoon service, he was met at the door by one of his Deerfield parishioners, who gave him a significant nudge with his elbow. After repeating this form of salutation, Mr. Ashley asked him the reason of the attack, and admonished him that he 'should not rebuke an elder.' 'An elder? an elder?', replied his tormentor, 'if you had not said you was an elder, I should have thought you was a poison sumach.' Mr. Ashley had to retire without entering the church. But this was not the last of the reverend gentleman's troubles. Returning to his own parish, at Deerfield, he soon after preached a sermon in which he spoke against the patriot cause, and gave his opinion that those Americans who fell at Lexington had met with a fearful doom in the next world. On the following Sabbath, he under-

* Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."

took to enter his pulpit but found it spiked up. After ineffectual attempts to enter, he turned to one of his deacons, and requested him to go and get his hammer, and force for him an entrance. The deacon was a blacksmith, but informed his pastor that he did not work on the Sabbath. At last, an axe was procured and the pulpit entered.”*

By the position he took during the war, with other reasons, Mr. Ashley found himself at variance with his people. After they had for some years refused to fulfill their obligations to him, an ecclesiastical council was convened by mutual agreement in May, 1780, to arrange the difference, but adjourned after a session of ten days without arriving at any conclusion. At this time he was ill, and he died three months later, being still pastor of the church. During his ministry in Deerfield he is said to have married four hundred and forty persons.

His immediate successor in the Deerfield pulpit thus wrote of him: “Mr. Ashley possessed a strong and discriminating mind, and a lively imagination, and was a pungent and energetic preacher. He preached the doctrines of grace with a pathos which was the effect, not merely of his assent to the divine authority, but of a deep sense and lively view of their importance and excellency.” He is described by other authority as a man of ready talents, excelling in biblical knowledge.†

Rev. Jonathan Ashley, on June 28, 1733, bought of John Wells for £250 the house lot on the west side of Main Street in Deerfield known as No. 2 in the early records of the town, and erected a house on it that year. It was built “bullet proof,” and was stockaded during the French and Indian Wars. It stood there until 1869, when it was moved to the rear of the home lot to give place to a more modern dwelling, and is now used as a storehouse. As the chimneys were torn down and other changes made in its appearance when it was moved, the present owner, Mr. Charles H. Ashley, a great-great-grandson of Rev. Mr. Ashley, decided not to attempt to have a picture of it in this volume. Unfortunately, there is no likeness of Rev. Jonathan Ashley in existence.‡

* Holland's “History of Western Massachusetts,” vol. 1, pp. 224-5.

† See “Yale Biographies and Annals,” pp. 407-8, for a list of his publications.

‡ His will, dated 16 June 1780, proved 7 Nov. 1780, mentions his wife and six living children. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 13, p. 340.] The estate was declared insolvent and an inventory taken in 1789. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 16, p. 61.]

Two handsome stones, bearing the characteristic willow and urn, mark the graves of Rev. Mr. Ashley and his wife in Deerfield cemetery, and are inscribed :

In Memory of Rev
JONATHAN ASHLEY
Who died Aug 28
1780 in the 68 Yr of
his Age & 48 of his Min-
istry leaving a name dear
to his Friends & Acquaintan^{ce}
for his social kind & pleas-
ing Deportment in particu-
lar his Zeal in the Cause
of Christianity which united
with superior knowledge
& a ready utterance of
Moral & divine truths ren-
dered him a shining light
in the station where God
had placed him,

In Memory of the
W^d DOROTHY ASHLEY
Relict of the Rev
JONATHAN ASHLEY
An agreeable Com-
panion An Affectio-
nate Mother & the
Christians Friend
Who died Sept. 20,
1808 aged 95
Years
The Aged must die
And the young may

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS. :

- i. WILLIAM, b. 1 July 1737 ; d. 17 Mar. 1737-8.
42. ii. JONATHAN, b. 6 Jan. 1738-9.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. 11 Feb. 1740-1 ; d. 28 Sept. 1742.
- iv. DOROTHY, b. 5 Apr. 1743 ; m. 21 Dec. 1763, Dea. William Wil-
liams of Dalton, Mass.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 9 June 1745 ; m. 29 Jan. 1783, Maj. David Dickin-
son of Deerfield.
- vi. SOLOMON, b. 13 Sept. 1747 ; d. 23 June 1748.
43. vii. ELIHU, b. 12 Aug.* 1750.
- viii. SOLOMON, b. 25 May 1754 ; removed to Hinsdale, N. H., about
1774, where he lived a number of years, and then returned to
Deerfield. He was a potter and gravestone cutter by trade,
and was drowned in the Connecticut River 14 Jan. 1823. He
was unmarried.
- ix. CLARISSA, b. 1 Dec. 1757 ; m. 8 Feb. 1791, Rev. Moses Cook
Welch, D.D., of Mansfield, Conn.

* By Deer. T. Rec., July by his own rec.

22. Capt. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 February 1714-5 in Westfield, Mass.; died ———— 17 ————; married, 1st, 17 May 1739 in Westfield, SUSANNAH BANCROFT, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Root) Bancroft, born 30 January 1717 in Westfield; died 27 May 1740 in Westfield. He married, 2d,* 13 March 1744-5 in Suffield, Conn., REBECCA KELLOGG, daughter of Capt. Martin and Sarah (Lane *née* Dickinson) Kellogg, born 22 December 1695 in Hatfield, Mass.; died ———— 1757 in Ouquaga, now Windsor, N. Y.

Benjamin Ashley settled in Westfield. He lived on a farm owned by his father in the western part of the town, the title of which he acquired by the will of the latter who died in 1749. He was elected surveyor of highways in 1741, 1744 and 1746, and town constable in 1742. In 1745, during King George's War, he served on a scouting party under Colonel Stoddard.†

It was, probably, on this expedition that he became acquainted with his second wife, Rebecca Kellogg. She had been taken prisoner, with other members of her family, by the Indians when they destroyed Deerfield, February 29, 1704, and carried to Canada. She resided until womanhood at Calnawaga‡ in New York, and became well acquainted with the Indians in that neighborhood and was employed frequently as an interpreter by the missionaries.

Captain Ashley also became interested in the Indians, and about 1752§ he and his wife became teachers in the Indian school in Stockbridge, she being employed as interpreter. Jonathan Edwards, at that time minister of Stockbridge and missionary to the Indians, took a deep interest in the welfare of the Indians at Ouquaga|| on the Susquehanna River, and procured a missionary for them, Rev. Gideon Hawley, who

* He had published intention of marriage 10 Dec. 1743 in Westfield with Thankful Phelps, but did not marry her, and she was published with several other men before finally marrying in 1753.

† Mass. Arch., vol. 73, p. 83.

‡ Spelled also Onoboghwage. A chief of that tribe married her sister Joanna, and her brother Joseph became an interpreter. Another brother, Martin, of Newington was interested in the Stockbridge school.

§ He calls himself "now resident of Stockbridge" in a deed dated 16 Feb. 1753.

|| A village in the present town of Windsor, N. Y.

was accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Ashley. "They started on May 22, 1753, and proceeded to Schoharie, thence to the Susquehanna River, and down it to the Onohoghwege Indians near the Great Bend in the Susquehanna."* They labored here, with satisfactory results, until the death of Mrs. Ashley in 1757. Captain Ashley is said to have returned the following year to Stockbridge,[†] but no further particulars about him were found there, and he is supposed to have gone back again to the Indians and to have died at their village.

NO CHILDREN.

23. EBENEZER ASHLEY (*Jonathan,⁷ David,² Robert¹*), born 29 March 1717 in Westfield, Mass.; died in October 1752 in Sheffield, Mass.; published intention of marriage 6 August 1743 in Westfield and Northampton,[‡] Mass., with THANKFUL PARSONS, daughter of Noah and Mindwell (Edwards) Parsons, and sister of the wife of his brother Phineas (24), born 12 September 1723 in Northampton. She married, 2d, 6 November 1753 in Salisbury, Conn., Ensign John Dean of Salisbury.

Ebenezer Ashley settled in his native town, and with his brother Phineas occupied their father's house. He united with the church in Westfield on August 30, 1738, and his wife was received by letter from the church in Northampton on January 7, 1743. He was town constable in 1751. He removed to Sheffield a few months before his death. He appears to have been a farmer.[§]

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ABIGAIL, b. 6 June 1744; m. Isaac^{||} Clark "of Columbia Co., N. Y."
- ii. THANKFUL, b. 8 Sept. 1745; m., 1st, Col. Thomas Williams of Stockbridge, Mass.; 2d, Gen. Moses Ashley (35).

* "Hawley Genealogy," p. 526, which states that Mr. Hawley returned the following year to Stockbridge, therein disagreeing with some other writers.

† Captain Ashley, in a deed dated 31 Jan. 1757, calls himself "late of Westfield, now resident at Ouaquaga on the Susquehanna River." This is the last deed from or to him in the Hampshire Registry.

‡ Barber's "Historical Collections of the State of New York," p. 71.

§ The date of the ceremony was not found on record in either town.

§ Administration granted on the estate of "Ebenezer Ashley, of Sheffield," to his widow Thankful 28 Oct. 1752. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 7, p. 364.] Inventory. [Ditto, vol. 8, p. 11.]

|| So signed, but written *Jesse* in the body of the deed proving this marriage. See Reg. of Deeds, So. Dist. of Berks. Co.]

- iii. ANNE, b. 3 Aug. 1747; m. 8 June 1766, Timothy Pomeroy of Northampton, Mass.
- iv. MERCY, b. 9 Oct. 1749; m. Matthew Scott "of Columbia Co., N. Y."
- 44. v. ABNER, b. 5 Nov. 1751.

24. PHINEAS ASHLEY (*Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 January 1729-30 in Westfield, Mass.; died 17 December 1752 in Westfield; married 4 May 1752 in Southampton, Mass., MARGARET PARSONS, daughter of Noah and Mindwell (Edwards) Parsons, and sister of the wife of his brother Ebenezer (23), born 9 February 1733 in Northampton, Mass. She published intention of marriage, 2d, 20 April 1754 in Northampton with Joseph Hutchins of Northampton, and died there 31 December 1814.

Phineas Ashley and his brother Ebenezer inherited in common their father's dwelling house in Westfield, and it is probable that there Phineas passed his few months of married life. He was a farmer.*

NO CHILDREN.

25. Col. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Daniel*³, *Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 March 1720 in Westfield, Mass.; died 18 February 1792 in Claremont, N. H.; married ———— 1742 in Northfield, Mass., EUNICE DOOLITTLE, daughter of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Todd) Doolittle, born 24 July 1724 in Northfield; died ———— 1807 in Claremont.

Samuel Ashley was brought by his mother to Northfield, Mass., when she removed there after her second marriage. He settled there and married a daughter of the first minister of the town. He saw military service at Fort Dummer, under Capt. Josiah Kellogg, from August 7 to November 20, 1740,[†] and enlisted next day in Capt. Josiah Willard's company, for duty at the same place, being discharged March 4, 1741-2.[‡] He also served there in Captain Willard's company from May 25 to November 21, 1742,[§] and from February 12, 1748 to June 7, 1749.^{||}

* Administration granted on his estate 9 Jan. 1753 to his brother Rev. Jonathan Ashley of Deerfield. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 12.] Inventory taken Jan. 10th. [Ditto, p. 24.]

[†] Mass. Arch., vol. 91, p. 349.

[‡] Ditto, p. 359.

[§] Ditto, vol. 92, p. 12.

^{||} Ditto, pp. 119-20, 160; vol. 93, p. 2. See "N. H. State Papers," vol. 18, p. 359, for the location of his house in the plan of Fort Dummer there given.

Samuel Ashley, his brother Martin and his cousin Rev. Joseph Ashley (12) had been original grantees of Winchester,* N. H., under the Massachusetts charter. In 1753 the settlement of the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire threw the former grant of Winchester into the New Hampshire territory, and it became necessary to obtain a re-grant. This purpose was accomplished by securing to the original grantees the same tract under a charter from Benning Wentworth, and Winchester was incorporated July 2, 1753. Settling in Winchester,† Samuel Ashley, his step-father, Col. William Symes, and Capt. Josiah Willard were chosen the first selectmen of the town. Mr. Ashley, while living in Northfield, had occupied lands which fell over the new line in Hinsdale, N. H., and was one of the "Hinsdale petitioners" August 29, 1753. He was also a petitioner and grantee of the towns of Windsor, Vt., in 1761, Shrewsbury, Vt., in 1763, and Claremont, N. H., in 1784.‡

At forty years of age, therefore, Samuel Ashley had become an influential citizen, a large land owner, and, for those times, a wealthy man. He was an officer in the militia, a justice of the peace, and one of three men in Cheshire County authorized to record deeds. It was, however, after the age of fifty-three that he came into special prominence by espousing the patriot cause in the Revolution.

Samuel Ashley had been a delegate to the Provincial Government as representative from Winchester, and was at the session which met May 10, 1774, at Portsmouth, at which, notwithstanding the strong remonstrance of John Wentworth, who had been appointed Governor in 1767, the representatives appointed a Committee of Correspondence, for the purpose of exchanging information with similar committees from other colonies. He was also a delegate to the convention held at Exeter on July 21, 1774, which appointed representatives

* Originally named Arlington.

† In this sketch the dates are copied from the "N. H. State Papers" (indexed), containing the Revolutionary rolls, "Governor and Council," and other official sources. The author is also much indebted to Mr. Charles B. Spofford of Claremont, N. H., for his sketch of "Col. Samuel Ashley, Frontier Soldier and Statesman," a paper read before the Tremont Club Feb. 17, 1892.

‡ Smithfield, Vt., was granted to him and others by the State of New York in 1775.

to the First Continental Congress at Philadelphia, and to those held there January 5 and April 21, 1775; the latter two days after the battle of Lexington.

On May 17, 1775, another convention met, composed of 151 delegates, and, styling themselves the First Provisional Congress, appointed the famous Committee of Safety, composed of five members, who, at a session held that day, elected four more, one of whom was Samuel Ashley; and he was in continual attendance from June 14th till June 29th. From that date to October 31st he was absent in the service of the State, during which time he acted as mustering officer and was commissioned (August 24th) Colonel of the "first part" of the regiment lately commanded by Col. Josiah Willard. From October 31st to November 16th he was again a constant attendant on the committee. His services ceased, however, January 5, 1776, when he was elected a member of the Council of Eight, in which body he served till 1780, as one of the two members from Cheshire County, which then included Sullivan County.

On January 10, 1776, Colonel Ashley was appointed First Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of Cheshire County. On June 26, 1776, the House voted to appoint a committee to consider a petition of Colonel Ashley and others for a company of "Rangers," and two days later voted to raise four companies of fifty men each to guard the Western frontier. Colonel Ashley was to enlist one of these companies, muster and pay the men, and deliver the commissions to the persons chosen officers by the soldiers. The following July he was appointed to muster men for the reënforcement of the army in Canada. At the requisition of General Gates he marched his regiment on October 21st to reënforce the army at Ticonderoga, returning on November 16th.

On May 2, 1777, dispatches were received by the Committee of Safety, stating that the garrison at Ticonderoga was in danger of being taken by the British and urging that the militia be sent forward to reënforce this important post. The following day expresses were sent to Colonels Ashley, Bellows and Chase, entreating them to raise as much of the militia as possible and march to Ticonderoga. In reply, Colonel Ashley marched with one hundred and nine men on May 7th, and

served until June 18th, when he was discharged. He reënlisted June 29th, and was present at the evacuation of Ticonderoga by the Americans the following month, receiving his discharge July 11th. The evacuation of Ticonderoga threatened the subjection of New England. At this crisis, the Committee of Safety convened the Legislature on July 17th. The Council and House resolved themselves into a Committee of the Whole and conferred with the Committee of Safety. The State was destitute, and it was supposed that it had done all it possibly could in the way of furnishing troops. On the second day (July 18th) John Langdon made his patriotic offer towards equipping troops to check Burgoyne's advance, and advised that General Stark, who had so nobly defended the honor of New Hampshire at Bunker Hill, should be intrusted with the command. Colonel Ashley immediately volunteered for General Stark's staff. He served on the staff as Brigade Major, and was at the battle of Bennington, receiving his discharge September 25th. He continued in the service under General Gates at Saratoga until Burgoyne's surrender. That he served from purely patriotic motives, the following letter proves :

TICONDEROGA, NOV. 9, 1777.

To Cols. ASHLEY AND BELLOWS :

Gentlemen,—I return to you, and to the officers and soldiers of the regiments under your command, my sincere thanks for the spirit and expedition both you and they have shown in marching, upon the first alarm, upward of one hundred and fifty miles, to the support of this important post when it was threatened with an immediate attack from the enemy's army. I now dismiss you with the honor you have so well deserved.

I also certify that neither you nor any under your command have received any pay or reward from me for your services on this occasion. That, I leave to be settled by the general Congress with the Convention of your State. With great respect, I am,

Your most Obedient Servant,

HORATIO GATES.

Colonel Ashley continued in the command of his regiment, the Thirteenth, afterwards the Sixth, New Hampshire until he resigned his colonelcy June 18, 1779. On March 24th of that year he had been chosen with Gen. Nathaniel Folsom a representative to the Continental Congress, but for some unknown reason did not accept.

In 1781 occurred the celebrated Vermont Controversy, where the harmony of the two States, and the towns on either side of the Connecticut, was at stake by the proposed formation of a new State. Colonel Ashley, with ten others, strongly protested, at a meeting held at Charlestown, against the proceedings of the Convention, and doubtless by his own and his associates' determined action prevented civil feud, which had so nearly occurred between these towns themselves. Robert Wier attacked the court for his indictment for encouraging the rioters at Keene in 1782 in the following language: "Colonel Ashley is for arbitrary power, and arbitrary power he shall have; damn the court and their authority."*

About this time Colonel Ashley removed to Claremont. He had been Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Cheshire County from 1776 until then, and about that time was appointed Chief Justice, a position he filled until July, 1791.

Claremont had been granted to Josiah Willard, Samuel Ashley and sixty-seven others on October 26, 1764, and Samuel Ashley was designated as the first moderator of the grantees. After the Revolution, of the seventy-five shares into which the town was originally divided, twenty-two were possessed by Samuel Ashley and the members of his family. At a meeting of the proprietors May 26, 1784, these shares were, by vote of the proprietors, laid out into one tract, the dividing line being known as "Ashley's Line." Its course was in a straight line across the town, from the vicinity of the "Ferry," easterly from the Connecticut River to the town line of Newport. Eighteen of these twenty-two shares were the confiscated rights of original grantees, who had neglected to pay their proportion of the assessments incidental to the settlement of the town, and for which neglect they were sold at auction, and doubtless purchased by Samuel Ashley. The territory thus acquired was controlled independently from the other town proprietors.

Colonel Ashley had a strong sense of humor, and the nicknames he gave his sons are characteristic—"Snarling" Oliver,

* "Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society," vol. 2, p. 132.

"Sociable" Samuel, "Noble" Daniel and "Numhead" Luther. Colonel Ashley continued a highly respected citizen of Claremont until his death.* The following epitaph is copied from his monument in West Claremont cemetery.

In memory of the Hon. Samuel Ashley, Esq.
 Blessed with good natural talents and an
 heart rightly to improve them, he in various
 departments of civil and military life exhibited
 a character honorable to himself and useful to
 others, having presided for several years in
 the lower court of this county. Probity and
 fidelity displayed the virtues of the patriot and Christian
 as well in public as well as domestic life.
 The small pox put a period to his earthly
 course Feb. 18, 1792, aged 71 years.

CHILDREN :†

45. i. OLIVER, b. 20 Oct. 1743.
- ii. TIRZAH, b. 24 Dec. 1745; m. Jeremiah Spencer of Winchester, N. H.
46. iii. SAMUEL, b. 29 Sept. 1747.‡
- iv. THANKFUL, b. 10 Nov. 1749; m. 7 Oct. 1771, Capt. John Alexander of Northfield, Mass.
- v. EUNICE, b. 17 Dec. 1751; m. 7 Jan. 1777, Rev. Augustine Hibbard of Winchester, a chaplain in the Revolution.
47. vi. DANIEL, b. 15 Jan. 1754.
- vii. LUTHER, b. 27 Apr. 1762; d. in infancy.
48. viii. LUTHER, b. 19 Aug. 1764.
- ix. SUSANNAH, b. 16 Dec. 1766; m. about 1790, Porter Lummus of Amherst, Mass., Portland, Me., and Claremont, N. H.

26. Dr. MARTIN ASHLEY (*Daniel*^o, *Samuel*^o, *David*^o, *Robert*^t), born 17 September 1724 in Westfield, Mass.; died——— 1788^s in Walpole, N. H.; married 2 April 1750 in Westfield,

* His will, dated 29 Feb. 1784, proved 9 Mar. 1792, mentions his wife and eight children, the youngest being then unmarried. His widow's will, dated 15 Oct. 1806, proved 25 Sept. 1807, mentions the children; Eunice being dead and Susannah married. [Keene (N. H.) Prob. Rec.]

† The births of the first four children are recorded in Northfield, Mass., and those of all of them in Winchester, N. H.

‡ By North. T. Rec. 1746 by Winch. T. Rec.

§ He was living in Walpole in 1788, but his son of the same name dropped the "junior" in August of that year. His death is not on record there, however.

SARAH ROOT, daughter of Ensign Joseph and Sarah (——) Root, born 18 March 1726 in Westfield; died?

Martin Ashley spent his early years in Northfield, Mass., with his mother and her second husband Colonel Symes, and probably went with them to Winchester, N. H., in the early days of its settlement. He was living in Winchester in 1748, and settled there after his marriage.

Martin Ashley was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and his name is on the roll of Lieut. John Catlin's company posted at Fort Shirley in the winter of 1747-8.* He also served at Fort Massachusetts in Col. John Stoddard's company from December 11, 1747, to March 9, 1747-8†, when he enlisted in Capt. Humphrey Hobb's company, in which he served until October 20, 1748‡. While a member of the latter company, he served at the fort from March 10th to April 10th under Capt. William Lyman.§ He was posted at Colerain under Lieut. Daniel Severance,|| and was in Capt. Hobb's company which made the bold and successful expedition from Northfield against the Indians twelve miles from Fort Dummer June 24-6, 1748.** He enlisted in Capt. Hobb's company the following year, and served from April 14th to June 30th.††

At just what time Doctor Ashley began the practice of his profession is not known. He returned to his native town, Westfield, Mass., in 1756, but soon after removed to Suffield, Conn. He was living there in 1765, and may have been there later,‡‡ as no further record of him has been found until his name appears as a resident of Deerfield, Mass., in 1769.§§ Removing to Walpole, N. H., he was chosen with John Kilbourn, Jr., on March 22, 1775||, a committee "to order the districts for the schools of the town."

Doctor Ashley, like his brother Col. Samuel Ashley, was a patriot in the Revolution. He enlisted June 28, 1777, as surgeon of Col. Benjamin Bellows' regiment, raised at the "Sec-

* "History of Northfield," p. 264.

† Mass. Arch., vol. 92, p. 113.

§ Ditto, p. 114.

** "History of Northfield," p. 264.

‡ Ditto, p. 155.

|| Ditto, p. 79.

†† Mass. Arch., vol. 93, p. 16.

‡‡ William L. Loomis, Esq., of Suffield thinks he returned to Westfield, but Rev. John Ballantine's diary does not mention him except as a resident of Suffield.

§§ "History of Deerfield."

|| There is no reference to him in the Walpole records before that year.

ond alarm" to reënforce the garrison at Ticonderoga. The fort was evacuated July 6th, and Doctor Ashley received his discharge on the 9th.* He reënlisted as surgeon in the same regiment on September 21, 1777, and served during the remainder of the Saratoga campaign, which resulted in Burgoyne's surrender. He was discharged October 15th.†

Dr. Ashley returned to his home in Walpole, where he is supposed to have continued in the practice of his profession the remainder of his life.‡ He was chosen a grand juror September 28, 1780.

CHILDREN :§

- i. RHODA, b. 11|| July 1750; m. Jonathan Jennison of Walpole, N. H.
- ii. DESIRE, b. 21 Feb. 1752.
- iii. SARAH, b. 29 Nov. 1755.
49. iv. WILLIAM SYMES, b. 15** Sept. 1756.
50. v. MARTIN, b. 20 Nov. 1759.††
- vi. LUCY, b. 3 Nov. 1760.‡‡
- vii. DANIEL, b. 28 Nov. 1762; enlisted July 6, 1780, as private in Capt. Peter Page's company, Col. Moses Nichols' regiment, raised to join the Continental Army for the defense of West Point, and was discharged Oct. 20.§§ He reënlisted for three years, or the war, Feb. 9, 1781, as private in the 7th Company, First Continentals, Col. Benjamin Bellows, and died in the service, 1 Aug. 1781.|||| He was unmarried.
- viii. OLIVE, b. 21 Mar. 1765; m. 5 Nov. 1789, Elisha Johnson of Walpole.
- ix. ANNE, b. — 176—; m. 15 Mar. 1792, John Kilbourn, Esq., of Canton, N. Y.
- x. THANKFUL.***

27. Capt. EZEKIEL ASHLEY (*Ezekiel*¹⁰, *Samuel*⁹, *David*⁸, *Robert*⁷), born 3 October 1726 in Westfield, Mass.; "received advice of death of Cap^{tn} Ezekiel Ashley in y^e West Indies, 27

* N. H. Rev. Rolls., vol. 2, pp. 23, 147.

† Ditto, p. 372.

‡ Though there is no record of his death there. No record of any will or settlement of his estate has been found.

§ The first three recorded in Winchester, N. H., the next in Westfield, Mass., and the next four in Suffield, Conn.

|| By Winch. T. Rec., 22 by fam. rec.

** By West T. Rec., 16 by fam. rec.

†† By Suff. T. Rec., 1758 by his pension application.

‡‡ Her name is not given in an old fam. rec.

§§ "N. H. Rev. Rolls," vol. 3, p. 137.

|| Ditto, pp. 235, 270, 522, 867.

*** By an old fam. rec.

September 1760;*** married 13 June 1751 in Hartford, Conn., ELIZABETH FARNSWORTH, daughter of Joseph and Mary (——) Farnsworth, baptized 23 September 1727 in Hartford. She probably married again and removed from Hartford.

Ezekiel Ashley was brought when a boy by his father to Hartford, and continued to live there after the latter's death. He was a sea captain, and died of yellow fever while on one of his voyages to the West Indies.†

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTFORD, CONN.:‡

- i. JAMES, bapt. 29 Mar. 1752; d. 24 Apr. 1752.
- ii. FANNY, bapt. 14 July 1754.
- iii. BETTY, bapt. 30 Jan. 1757.
- iv. PATTY, bapt. 25 Feb. 1759.

28. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born about 1742 in ?Sheffield, Mass.; died ————— in Sheffield;[§] married about 1762 in ———, ———, JANE DUTCHER,^{||} who died 11 August 1810 at the home of her eldest son in Richmond, N. Y., aged 67 years.

William Ashley settled in Sheffield, Mass., where he was engaged in farming at the outbreak of the Revolution. At the Lexington Alarm he marched from Sheffield as ensign of Capt. William Bacon's company, Col. John Fellows regiment, and served seventeen days.** He then was promoted sergeant, May 8th, and he enlisted in the army for three months.†† He was at the siege of Boston, his regiment being stationed at Dorchester, and the roll is dated there October 6, 1775.‡‡ He reënlisted September 19, 1777, as a private under Capt. John Spoor, Col. John Ashley's Berkshire County Regiment, and marched to Stillwater, being discharged on October 19, 1777.§§

* Records of the First Church of Hartford, Conn.

† Administration granted on his estate to his widow Elizabeth 2 June 1761. [Hart. Prob. Rec., vol. 18, p. 123.]

‡ Only the dates of baptism are on record.

§ It is said by descendants, he was living there in 1798, but there is no further mention of him in T. or Prob. Rec., nor is there a gravestone to his memory in Shef.

|| Her name appears in Shef. T. Rec. *Yanaca*, presumably the town clerk's spelling of the Dutch name *Jannetje*. She may be the Yanaca, daughter of Henry and Eleanor Dutcher, who was b. 3 Aug. 1746 in Salisbury, Conn.

** Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 14, p. 28.

†† Ditto, p. 27.

‡‡ Ditto, vol. 56, p. 42.

§§ Ditto. vol. 23, p. 1.

On October 23, 1780, he reënlisted, on the alarm at Bennington, as Lieutenant of Capt. Enoch Noble's company. He was in the service sixteen days, being on duty at Bennington, and was discharged November 7, 1780.*

After leaving the army, he began farming again in Sheffield, and resided there until his death.†

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

- i. SARAH, b. 19 Nov. 1763.
51. ii. NOAH, b. 28 Mar. 1769.
- iii. MARGARET ("PEGGY"), b. 2 Oct. 1771; m. 27 Feb. 1791, James Rathbone of Skaneateles, N. Y.
- iv. LORANIA, b. 2 May 1774; m. 1792, Calvin Noble of Canaan, Conn.
- v. JANE, b. 16 Mar. 1777; m. Oct. 1798, Ephraim Kellogg of Sheffield.
- vi. POLLY, b. 18 Aug. 1779; m. Heman Dewey of Richmond Center, N. Y.
52. vii. WILLIAM, b. 12 Dec. 1781.
- viii. HANNAH, b. 15 Aug. 1784; m., 1st, ——— Kennedy; 2d, Elisha Hubbard of Bergen, N. Y.
- ix. ELEANOR, b. 12 July 1787.

29. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 April 1738 in Winchester, N. H.; died, "during the Revolution, in the State of N. Y."; married 20 October 1763 in Sunderland, Mass., RUTH BILLINGS, daughter of Capt. Fellows and Mary (Eastman) Billings, born 10 February 1742 in Sunderland.

Joseph Ashley settled in Sunderland, Mass., whither he had been brought at the age of nine by his father, who had been installed pastor of the church there in 1747. He was a farmer and blacksmith, and lived at Long Plain. On August 7, 1767, he sold his house, barn and shop and half acre of land there to Oliver Partridge. He also sold him two other pieces of land, of fifty acres and twelve acres respectively, which he had received from his father the preceding April.

He was appointed a deputy sheriff in 1774. He expressed strong tory sentiments at the outbreak of the Revolution, which, it is said, made him so unpopular that he was com-

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 21, p. 158.

† According to descendants, but no further official record of him has been found.

pelled to leave Sunderland and go over into the State of New York, where he died during the war. He is thought to have had

NO CHILDREN.*

30. Capt. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹², *Samuel*¹³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 27 November 1740 in Winchester, N. H.; died 20 February 1815 in Leverett, Mass.; married 10 November 1762 in Sunderland, Mass., ELIZABETH BILLINGS, daughter of Lieut. Ebenezer and Editha (Gunn) Billings, born 11 May 1745 in Sunderland; died 16 September 1826 in Leverett.

Stephen Ashley came with his father in 1747 to Sunderland, Mass. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and served in the expedition against Crown Point and Canada in 1759, having enlisted April 25th and being discharged November 25th of that year.[†]

He was one of the pioneers of the Long Plain district of the town, about one mile southwest of what is now Leverett village. In 1773 he and other residents there petitioned the town of Sunderland for liberty to be set off into a new town. The petition was granted, and the new town of Leverett was incorporated March 5, 1774, and at the first town meeting, held March 24th, Stephen Ashley was elected a selectman. On September 29th of that year the town voted "to lend our minds in writing to the Provincial Congress by a Committee," and Stephen Ashley and four others were chosen the committee to carry out its instructions. He was also elected a selectman in 1775, 1778-82, 1784 and 1785.

Stephen Ashley was received into the church in Sunderland by confession in 1766, and was one of the founders of the church in Leverett in 1784. He was a farmer by occupation, and his son Joseph inherited his farm.[‡]

* This is the opinion of the descendants of his brother Stephen, and the Sunderland records mention no children. He and his wife were not members of the church there.

† Mass. Arch., vol. 97, p. 98, roll 381.

‡ His will, "gentleman," dated 11 Feb. 1815, proved 11 Sept. 1815, mentions his wife and six children, and the children of his son Stephen. [Frank. Co. Prob. Rec., file 163.]

CHILDREN BORN IN LEVERETT, MASS. :*

- 53. i. WILLIAM, b. 20 May 1763.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. 28† Jan. 1766; d. 23 July 1766.
- iii. LUCRETIA, b. 15 Sept. 1767; m. intent. 15 July 1792, Maj. Caleb Hubbard of Sunderland, Mass.
- 54. iv. STEPHEN, b. 3‡ June 1770.
- v. ANNA, b. 6 Oct. 1772; m. Enos Cooley of Sunderland.
- vi. CLARISSA, b. 2 May 1774§; d. 29 July 1792.
- vii. SALOME, b. 26 Oct. 1777; m. Nov. 1799, Erastus Field of Leverett.
- 55. viii. JOSEPH, b. 26 Mar. 1780.

31. GIDEON ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 May 1743 in Winchester, N. H.; died 9 March 1813 in Sunderland, Mass.; married 1 November 1770 in Sunderland, MARY RUSSELL, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Smith) Russell, born 1 April 1750 in Sunderland; died 23 September 1823 in Sunderland.

Gideon Ashley settled in Sunderland, Mass., where he carried on farming. At his father's death, in 1797, he inherited his house in the village, where he lived the rest of his life.^{||}

CHILDREN BORN IN SUNDERLAND, MASS. :

- i. CYNTHIA, b. 3 June 1771; m. 1797, Elisha Alexander of Erving, Mass.
- ii. POLLY, b. 2 May 1773; m. 1799, Isaac Graves of Sunderland.
- iii. CHARLOTTE, b. 1 Sept. 1775; d. 6 Mar. 1825 in Sunderland, unmarried.**
- iv. CLARISSA, b. 8 Nov. 1777; m. 14 Aug. 1802, Luther Winslow of Belchertown, Mass.
- v. CAROLINE, b. 4 May 1780; m. David Hubbard of Sunderland.
- vi. ELECTA, b. 26 Nov. 1782; m. 7 Sept. 1805, Solomon Hubbard of Sunderland.
- vii. VIRTUE, b. 8 Aug. 1785; m. Lucius Field of Leverett, Mass.

32. OLIVER ASHLEY (*David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 September 1725 in Westfield, Mass.; died in Decem-

* The first two also recorded in Sunderland.

† By Lev. T. and a fam. rec., 29 by Sund. T. Rec.

‡ By Lev. T. Rec., 8 by fam. rec.

§ By Lev. T. Rec., 1775 by fam. rec.

|| His will, dated 10 June 1800, with codicil dated 12 July 1808, proved 22 June 1813, mentions his wife and six daughters. [Frank. Co. Prob. Rec., file 161.]

** Her will provides "money to buy two grave stones for the grave of my grandfather Ashley." [Frank. Co. Prob. Rec., file 159.]

ber 1792 in Sheffield, Mass.; published marriage intention 13 May 1749 in Westfield with ABIGAIL NOBLE, daughter of Capt. Elisha and Abigail (Warner) Noble, born 24 August 1728 in Westfield; died about 1798 in ? Sheffield.

Oliver Ashley went from Westfield "to Deerfield upon a Larrum under Col. Stoddard to go to Hoosuck May 27 and 28 [1747], when Hoosuck was rebuilding and was sacked by the Eneme."*

He lived on a farm in the eastern part of Westfield until the spring of 1752,[†] when he removed to Sheffield, where his father held land under the Housatonic grant. That year his father deeded him a piece of land and an interest in a sawmill in the recently settled town of Pittsfield, Mass. He removed to Pittsfield in 1760, at which time he sold his house in Westfield to his brother Simeon. He and his wife joined the church there in 1764. He lived near his younger brother David in the west part of the town.[‡] He had returned with his family to Sheffield in 1771 or 1772.[§]

He probably lived on Taconic Mountain,^{||} the range west of Sheffield, and passed the rest of his life in that town. He styled himself "husbandman."**

CHILDREN.††

56. i. STEPHEN, b. 4 Sept. 1751.
- ii. LYDIA, b. 7 Dec. 175[2††].
- iii. MARY, b. 15 Oct. 1754; m. William Dunwell of Sheffield.

* Mass. Arch., vol. 73, p. 84.

† He and his wife were recommended by the church in Westfield to the church in Sheffield 17 May 1752.

‡ By "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 247, "The brothers Ashley were the only Tories in the west part" [in 1776]. Now, Oliver Ashley had left Pittsfield before Nov. 1, 1772, for his name does not appear in the census of that date, and his brother David was a soldier in the patriot army, as were his own two oldest sons. It seems to the compiler that this charge of Toryism is not sustained by the facts of the case.

§ As his name does not appear in the Pittsfield census of Nov. 1, 1772. ["History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, pp. 497-8.]

|| As his son Daniel is called "of Sheffield on Taconic Mountain" in one Revolutionary roll. [Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 28, p. 140.]

** Administration was granted on the estate of "Oliver Ashley of Sheffield" 28 Dec. 1792 to his widow Abigail. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 1592.]

†† The first recorded in Westfield, the next four in Sheffield, and the others in Pittsfield.

‡‡ Probably, but the figure is worn off the page of the record.

- iv. MERCY,* b. 19 Apr. 1757; m. John Boardman, Esq., of New York City.
- 57. v. DANIEL, b. 24 Aug. 1759.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 19 Sept. 1761; ? m. Darius Gray of Sharon, Conn.†
- vii. HANNAH, b. 2 June 1764; m. ——— Wood.
- 58. viii. OLIVER, b. 20 Nov. 1766.
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. 18 June 1769.‡
- x. SARAH, bapt. 6 Jan. 1771.

33. Capt. DAVID ASHLEY (*David¹, David², David³, Robert⁴*), born 27 September 1727 in Westfield, Mass.; died 22 October 1813 in Pittsfield, Mass.; married 1 May 1758 in West Springfield, Mass., Mrs. HANNAH (LEONARD) MILLER, widow of Capt. William Miller, and daughter of ? Joseph and Thankful (Bagg) Leonard, born ? 15 July 1732 in West Springfield; died ——— 1790 in Pittsfield.

David Ashley passed his early life in his father's house in Westfield. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and saw nearly a year and a half of service in Capt. Israel Williams' company, in which he enlisted May 28, 1755, and served until October 18, 1756. His name is borne on the roll at Colerain, Fall Town, Rice's Charlemont, Pontoosuck, Greenfield and Northfield.§

He lived in Westfield the year succeeding his marriage, and in 1760 removed with his family to the new settlement at Pontoosuck, now Pittsfield, Mass. He had visited that locality before as a soldier, and his father had been interested in the town since its earliest settlement. He lived on the road running west from the center and was engaged chiefly in farming. He also owned a sawmill there, whose location is to be seen in the map of 1794.||

During the Revolution, there seems to be no doubt that David Ashley enrolled himself on the popular side, although

* By Shef. T. Rec., but written *Marcia* by herself, and so inscribed on her gravestone in St. Paul's Church Yard in New York City.

† Cp. "Gray Genealogy." It is said, "one daughter married a Gray."

‡ By Pitts. T. Rec. Probably the child who as *Ezekiel* was bapt. 30 July 1769. As there is no further reference to an Ezekiel Ashley in the town or church records of either Pittsfield or Sheffield, or in the registry of deeds at Great Barrington and Pittsfield; and as the name is unknown to descendants of the other sons, it is supposed he died in infancy.

§ Mass. Arch., vol. 94, pp. 34, 75.

|| "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 502.

one historian* states that he and his brother were Tories. This assertion is refuted by his descendants, two of whom† write that their family records state that "David Ashley was an intimate friend of Ethan Allen and was with him at Ticonderoga." This latter statement agrees with what the official records show. David Ashley served as a private in Lieut. James Hubbard's company, Col. David Rossiter's regiment, August 17-22, 1777.‡ He reenlisted and served in Capt. Joel Stevens' company in the same regiment October 12-25, 1781, and "marched on the alarm at Saratoga."§ His name is also on the roll of Capt. John Bacon's company, Col. Caleb Hyde's regiment, October 20-8, 1781,¶ and July 3, 1782.**

In November, 1789, David Ashley petitioned to be exempt from the minister's tax, declaring that he thought "it not right to support Mr. Allen (the Congregational minister) by a tax." On the same occasion, his son David said that he had been "an attendant on Mr. Rathburn's (a Baptist) from a child, and chooses to attend there still." He was a member of the Methodist class, organized in 1792 by Rev. Robert Green at the house of Capt. Joel Stevens in the "west part," and was of the Methodist (East) society, when it was incorporated in 1804.††

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN PITTSFIELD, MASS. : ‡‡

- i. GRACE, b. 6 Dec. 1758 in Westfield, Mass.
- ii. AMELIA, b. 21 May 1761.
- iii. ELINOR, b. 21 Oct. 1762.
59. iv. DAVID, b. 29 Sept. 1764.

* "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 247. [See p. 81. Foot note ‡.]

† Mr. James A. Ashley and Mrs. Daniel S. Foster, both of Washington, D. C. Mr. Ashley heard his father make this statement. Mrs. Foster also writes that "David Ashley and Ethan Allen drove a pair of horses across Lake Champlain on very thin ice."

‡ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 20, p. 15.

§ Ditto, vol. 22, p. 213. Roll dated at Pittsfield. "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 483.

¶ Ditto, vol. 17, p. 38.

** Ditto, vol. 30, p. 25.

†† Administration granted on his estate 7 Dec. 1813 to his son David and John Williams. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 3125.]

‡‡ One correspondent writes that he had daughters: *Milla* (m. Abiar Millard) and *Betsy* (m. Robert Millard); another that "two of his daughters were *Lizzie* and *Laura*;" which are supposed to be nicknames for the names given in the town records below.

- v. FRAN^[2]CES,* b. 2 Aug. 1766.
 60. vi. LEONARD, b. 22† Apr. 1768.
 61. vii. FOREST, b. 2 June 1771.
 viii. LUCY, b. 18 Feb. 1773.

34. SIMEON ASHLEY (*David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 June 1729 in Westfield, Mass.; died 20 April 1777 in Westfield; married, 1st, 5 March 1752 in West Springfield, Mass., SARAH ELY, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Dewey) Ely, born 7 August 1726 in West Springfield; died 4 March 1753 in Westfield. He married, 2d, 13 February 1755 in Westfield, ABIGAIL WILLIAMS, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Taylor) Williams, born 8 October 1729 in Westfield; died ?‡

Simeon Ashley settled in the eastern part of Westfield. He occupied the house of his brother Oliver, who had moved to Sheffield, and bought it of him in 1760. He was a farmer.§

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

By second wife:

- i. SIMEON, b. 12 Nov. 1755; rather than his father, was the "Simeon Ashley of Westfield" who was a soldier in the Revolution. He enlisted as a private May 4, 1775, in Capt. Wareham Park's company, Col. Timothy Danielson's regiment, and was discharged Aug. 1, 1775.¶ His name is on the muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathan Rowley's company in the Hampshire County Regiment, detached under Lt.-Col. Timothy Robinson and in garrison at Fort Ticonderoga. He reënlisted in this company Jan. 9, 1777, served as a corporal, and was discharged Apr. 3, 1777.** He d. 18 Feb. 1778 in Westfield, unmarried.
62. ii. THOMAS, b. 12 Oct. 1757.
- iii. ENOCH, b. 11 May 1759; was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting July 28, 1779, as a private in Capt. Preserved Leonard's company, Col. Elisha Porter's Hampshire County Regiment,

* Recorded *Franse*.

† By Pitts. T. Rec., 18 by fam. rec.

‡ She was admitted into full communion in the church in Westfield on Aug. 30, 1795, and was recommended to the church in New Haven, Vt., on Aug. 12, 1799. Her death was not found in the records of that town, however, although she probably died there at the home of her daughter.

§ He left no will, and there is no distribution of his estate on record.

¶ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 15, p. 84. and vol. 56, p. 97. [See No. 17, v, and notice that the date of discharge is the same.]

** Ditto, vol. 22, p. 121, and vol. 47, p. 178.

serving at New London, and being discharged Sept. 2, 1779.*
He removed to Western New York.†

iv. SARAH, b. 17 Apr. 1761; m. Buckley Cadwell of Westfield, Mass., and New Haven, Vt.

62½. v. ZENAS, b. 26 July 1763.

vi. LEVI, b. 14 June 1765; d. 20 June 1765.

vii. LEVI, b. 27 May 1766; d. 9 July 1766.

viii. LEVI, b. 18 Mar. 1768; d. 14 Apr. 1774.

35. Gen. MOSES ASHLEY (*Moses*¹⁵, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 June 1749 in Westfield, Mass.; drowned 25 August 1791 in Lee, Mass.; married 24 July 1781 in Stockbridge, Mass., Mrs. THANKFUL (ASHLEY) WILLIAMS, widow of Col. Thomas Williams of Stockbridge, and daughter of Ebenezer and Thankful (Parsons) Ashley (22), born 8 September 1745 in Westfield; died 1 February 1816 in Lee.

Moses Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1767, and came with his father to Hartwood (now Washington), Mass., in the spring of 1772. He was appointed an ensign in the militia soon after his arrival there, and was sent to represent the town at the convention held in Stockbridge July 6, 1774. At the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775, he enlisted in Capt. Peleg Porter's company, Col. John Paterson's regiment, and marched from Belchertown to Cambridge, and served at the siege of Boston.* He was on picket duty with the rank of lieutenant under Major Loammi Baldwin on May 11th.† In September, 1775, he was recruiting officer for the regiment, and was commissioned Captain in the First Regiment on Nov. 5th.‡ During the summer and fall of 1776 he served in the Northern Department, then marched south to Washington's camp, and doubtless engaged in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. January 1, 1777, he was commissioned Captain in the First Massachusetts Continentals, Col. Vose,** and was present with

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 20, p. 209.

† Descendants of his brothers think he had no children. If the compiler can learn any further account of him, it will be printed in the Addenda.

‡ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 13, p. 54.

§ Ditto, vol. 58, p. 35.

|| And his name is found in a list of settlements made at West Point by a board held for that purpose and confirmed by Congress Sept. 6, 1779. [Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 28, p. 86.]

The compiler is indebted to "Yale in the Revolution," p. 250.

** Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 48, roll 329.

it throughout the Saratoga campaign. After Burgoyne's surrender he marched to Washington's camp again and wintered, 1777-78, at Valley Forge.*

In June, 1778, his command was at the battle of Monmouth, and in August following at the battle of Rhode Island. From 1779 to the close of the war he was with the main army on the Hudson, sometimes acting as Brigade Major of Glover's brigade and again as Inspector.* He was promoted Major of Vose's regiment on January 6, 1780,* and on July 28, 1780, Major of the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment,† commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam. He was appointed Brigade Inspector, and was on duty at Camp "Tenack" August 31, 1780,‡ and Major-Commandant under Col. Putnam on March 16, 1781.§ August 5, 1782, he commanded a light detachment on the outposts and was also one of the majors of the Light Infantry of that year. February 6, 1783, he was transferred to the Sixth Regiment, Col. Groaton, and in June following retired with reputation from the army, his service having been continuous for over eight years.

The following is a letter written by him to his brother Azariah after the battle of Bunker Hill.

CHARLESTOWN CAMP, June 30th, 1775.

DEAR BROTHER :

Last Friday we had a very hot battle with the Regulars. The circumstances are, as near as I can understand, as follows : On Friday night the 16th of this instant about 2000 of our men were ordered to entrench on a hill called Breed's Hill at the lower part of Charlestown. They had a good battery made by daylight when they were fired upon by the ships in the harbor. They killed some of our men up at Boston and kept up a continual fire of cannon all day. About three o'clock there landed about 1200 men with some field pieces, and in cover of their cannon upon the back part of the town. Our people began to fire upon them as they landed and were obliged to retreat to the intrenchments, and they rushed up and took it from them. Some of our men fought bravely, but many were killed on both sides, among whom are many brave officers. Perhaps there are about 120 wounded and missing, but I am not able to tell the certain number at present. They are now in possession of a great part of Charlestown and have burnt most of the houses and other buildings. We are expecting every moment to be attacked as they continually fire at us every chance they can get. When you heard the cannon

* "Yale in the Revolution," p. 250.

† Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 28, p. 62. ‡ Ditto, vol. 69, p. 39. § Ditto, vol. 67, p. 108.

that you spoke of in your letter it was at Chelsea, where we had the better of them without the loss of a single man and but 4 wounded. We there burnt an army schooner and drove off many cattle belonging to them on the Island. I myself was in that battle, and can tell you more when I shall see you. We have now a continual crack of the rifle and roar of cannon, but they don't reach us. The roaring bellow of the cannon does not seem to frighten or dishearten our men, but rather to encourage and strengthen them. We are situated well and are well fortified. We lost five pieces of cannon in the last battle. I have nothing more to tell except I am well and have been in good health ever since I left home, as are all the Berkshire men. I put my trust in the God of our forefathers Who is able to protect and preserve me in danger and in safety, Who is able to confound our enemies and deliver them into our hands, and to return me safe to you and my other friends in His own time. I would not have you be at all troubled about me, I fare well for provisions and all other necessities of life. You blame me because I do not write oftener, I will try to send once in every 3 weeks by Mr. Hatch, as he will be a post to carry letters to Berkshire. Now farewell. Remember me to all the family and my other friends as you know best who they are.

I am your loving brother,

MOSES ASHLEY.*

Returning to Stockbridge, where he had married while in the army, Major Ashley engaged in business and held office. In his business he was active, enterprising and industrious, and was possessed of a very considerable property. In 1787 he was one of the commissioners appointed to treat with the Indians for the purchase of the tract of country in New York in which Binghamton is situated. The tract contained 230,000 square acres and embraced ten townships, and between three and four hundred Indians were present at the meeting at which the negotiation was completed.[†] Major Ashley was elected County Treasurer on February 5, 1788, and commissioned Brigadier-General of the militia in 1790, both of which positions he filled until his death.[‡] He was a member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.[§]

* Original in possession of a great-grandniece, Mrs. Jennie Eames Smith of Huntington, Mass., who has other Revolutionary letters from him, one of which speaks of his old slave Peter.

† See "Annals of Binghamton."

‡ Administration was granted on his estate 11 Oct. 1791 to his widow Thankful et al. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 1533.]

§ His certificate, now in the possession of Miss Frances L. Beale of Canaan Four Corners, N. Y., is dated May 5, 1784. It is signed by its president, George Washington, and secretary, Thomas Knox, and must have been one of the very earliest issued as the first general meeting of the society was appointed for May 4, 1784.

During Shays' rebellion, a party of rioters under the command of Capt. Perez Hamlin passed through Stockbridge on February 27, 1787. "From Dr. Sergeant's they went on to Gen. Ashley's, who was taken prisoner, but he is said to have been sent home by Hamlin, who expressed regret at seeing a fellow officer of the Revolution in his hands as a prisoner."*

The *Berkshire Star* of August 30, 1791, contains the following obituary:†

"It is with the most painful sensations that we announce to the public the unfortunate death of Brigadier-General Moses Ashley of this town, who was drowned at the dam of his forge in Lee on Thursday last. On Saturday at two o'clock P. M. his remains were carried from his late residence to the meeting house, when the Rev. Mr. West of this town delivered a discourse from the words "Wherefore the Holy Ghost saith to-day if ye will hear his voice." (Hebrews iii, 7.) The corpse was then carried to the burying-ground attended by a numerous assembly, the gravity of whose deportment testified their great regret and the respected estimation in which his character was held by his friends and acquaintances. He left a wife and three small children to mourn and feel their loss.

Although that species of encomium which eulogizes the dead, intending to flatter the living, is the offspring of detestable meanness of spirit, and in every honest mind will in various ways produce disgust, yet praise justly bestowed is always the most operative incident to virtuous action. General Ashley, at a very early period of his life, received the advantages of an academic education, and though while at college he was distinguished by industry and decency of behaviour, yet it was not by literary acquisitions that his life was rendered most useful. More active scenes have employed every period of his ripened manhood. While in the bloom of life, at the age of twenty-four, when America was aroused to opposition by the usurpations of Great Britain, he, with the ardour of youth, and a promptitude of decision, by which he was always distinguished, embraced the profession of arms for the security of freedom. He served until the conclusion of the war, and for several of the last years as a major in the line of Massachusetts. During the whole time it was his happiness and glory to be greatly respected by his superiors, affectionately beloved and confided in by those of his own grade, and almost adored by the soldiery under his command. Sensible of the importance of vigorous discipline, he was willing at all times to pay the same implicit obedience to those above which he exacted from those below him. Brave, enterprising, active, generous, patient, he possessed those qualities by which military fame is acquired. Blessed with a firm and vigorous constitution, he rendered those qualities eminently useful

* "History of Stockbridge," p. 193.

† Reprinted in the *Boston Centinel* of September 7th.

to his country. At the conclusion of the war, having married a very amiable lady, the widow of Col. Williams, he settled in this town. Without complaint he submitted to those exigencies by which the government was deprived of the means of rendering justice to the brave army which had secured the freedom of America. On all occasions his influence was for the support of the due administration of justice ; and has uniformly practiced the virtues of a modest and worthy citizen. These virtues have not been unrewarded ; they have produced the confidence, the esteem and gratitude of the government and the people ; from whence have proceeded those various appointments and elections of the former, and of the latter to the many and important offices which he has sustained, and the duties of which he has so honorably discharged, that even the malignity of malice and envy have not whispered reproach. In his own business he was active, enterprising and industrious. Possessed of very considerable property, he improved it in such a manner as to feed and clothe more poor and industrious people than perhaps any other man in this county. He received his death in the midst of those whose dependence in some measure was on the support he afforded them. His heart must have been callous to every sentiment of tender sympathy who could have beheld or can reflect on that scene of distress and anguish which the first shock of this unfortunate event must have produced, among his friends, his fellow citizens and his dependents. It ought to be mentioned that his conduct as a husband, father and master, was tender, affectionate and just.

An intimate friend of his begs leave to add to the above, the apology of his high military fame which was proclaimed in the Funeral Procession by the shrill trumpet's sound though no splendid parade of men in arms appeared on the melancholy occasion, the more strongly to impress on the minds of the numerous spectators that their deceased General was truly a soldier—though the plaintive notes of the fife and the mournful sound of the muffled drum echoed not to the throbbing breasts of the mingled throng—yet never were there met together on a similar occasion a greater number of weeping hearts than were collected on Saturday to pay their last respects to the reliques of their beloved General. And what greater tribute can be paid to the memory of departed friends than the tribute of a sorrowful heart.

And art thou, Ashley ! to that number joined,
To illustrate the sad Muse's theme ;
To bear thy witness to the pained mind
How life and its enjoyments are a dream.

Need she recount how late we saw thee stand
With blessings and with honors circled round ;
What anxious hopes, suspended at thy hand,
Whelmed in thy fate, are fallen to the ground !

Sad to recite, and painful were the strain,
And many a sigh, and many a tear should cost,
How loved, how honored, and how prized the man,
How fam'd, how useful, and alas ! how lost !

Let weeping friends their aching bosoms beat,
 And tell how tender was his interest there :
 If friendship's melting plea such audience meet,
 Ah !—what man more the grimly power to spare.

Ask your bright columns that emblaze the fields,
 If ever to them his worth was known and dear,
 Mark how they point the vacant post he held,
 Eye their black weeds, and drop the conscious tear.

Speak of his deeds, ye children of his care.
 For indigence a parent in him knew,
 Much of his usefulness can ye declare,
 That usefulness alas ! now lost to you.

But what avails the Muses' weeping lay—
 Ah, what avails to tell what once he was !
 Cold, silent and insensate is his clay,
 Heedless alike of censure or applause.

General Ashley's grave in Stockbridge cemetery is marked by a handsome stone bearing the following inscription :

Brig.-Gen^l Moses Ashley, Esq^r,
 who being in perfect health and
 in the midst of public business,
 died suddenly and unexpectedly
 in Mannet Aug. 25, 1791, aged 43 years.

"Bost of thy conquest, death, o'r human things,
 The power of empires and the pride of kings ;
 But know the Saints shall burst their chains and rise
 To thrones celestial in their kindred skies."

CHILDREN BORN IN STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.:

- 63. i. ROBERT MOSES,* b. 17 Aug. 1782.
- ii. THANKFUL, b. 1 Mar. 1785 ; m. 30 Oct. 1806. Rev. Jared Curtis of Stockbridge.
- 64. iii. RICHARD HENRY, b. 3 Feb. 1787.

36. MAJOR AZARIAH ASHLEY (*Moses*¹⁵, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 February 1753-4 in Westfield, Mass. ; died in the winter 1793-4⁺ in Washington, Mass. ; married 15 October

* Recorded *Moses Robert*, but changed in early life to the above.

† The date of his last deed as a resident of Washington was 30 July 1793. In a deed dated 15 Oct. 1793 he calls himself a resident "of Renssalaer Co., N. Y.," and swears to his signature at Troy. On 10 Apr. 1794 his widow, then "of Westfield", sold some of his land in Washington.

1789 in Westfield, OLIVIA MOSELY,* daughter of Col. John and Hannah (Moseley) Moseley, born 2 May 1765 in Westfield. She married, 2d, 30 July 1800 in Westfield, Azariah Moseley of Westfield, and died there 5 August 1813.

Azariah Ashley removed with his father to Washington (then Hartwood), Mass., where he became a conspicuous citizen. Like his distinguished brother, he was a soldier in the Continental Army, in which he served with honor in various positions. He enlisted June 30, 1777,[†] as a private in Capt. Asa Stower's company, Col. John Brown's regiment, and served twenty-six days in the Saratoga campaign.[‡] He reënlisted as sergeant in Capt. Jabez Cornish's company in the same regiment on August 14th and served till August 22d, participating in the battle of Bennington.[§] He again reënlisted, September 21st, and accompanied Colonel Brown on the expedition that attacked Ticonderoga and other posts in its vicinity, released one hundred American prisoners at Lake George, and captured a large quantity of provisions and stores belonging to the enemy. He was stationed at Stillwater and was discharged October 2, 1777.^{||} He also served October 15-18, 1780, as sergeant in Lieut. James McKnight's company, Col. David Rossiter's regiment, which marched to Bennington on an alarm, by order of Gen. John Fellows.**

Returning to Washington, Azariah Ashley was appointed Captain of the town militia, and took an active part in carrying on the affairs of the town. He was chosen in 1779 a tything-man and one of a committee to settle town accounts. He was elected a selectman, and held the office of town clerk from 1782 to 1788. During Shays' rebellion, in 1787, he was Captain Commandant of the troops stationed at Williamstown.^{††} He was appointed Major in the Massachusetts militia in 1788. On May 10, 1790, he was

* She united with Westfield Church 1 Sept 1799. Called also *Olive*.

† Was he not in the army before this? [See his brother's letter.] Can he be the "Azariah ————" who served in Capt. David Noble's company at Boston, New York and Canada, from Dec. 31, 1775, to Dec. 31, 1776? [See "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 486.]

‡ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 23, p. 114.

§ Ditto, vol. 18, p. 82.

|| Ditto, vol. 25, p. 114.

** Ditto, vol. 21, p. 102.

†† "Governor and Council of Vermont," vol. 3, p. 380, where may be read a letter from Ethan Allen on the subject.

elected a representative to the General Court. He is usually called "Captain" in the records of the town.

"Towards the close of his life he became involved in financial difficulties and became very poor. The law at that time allowed the body to be seized for debt. For this reason, it is supposed, his wife concealed him in his house until his death, and his body was buried secretly in the night, no public announcement being made of the event."* No stone marks his grave.

CHILD BORN IN WASHINGTON, MASS. :

- i. . HENRIETTA MARCIA, b. 31 Aug. 1790; m. 19 June 1806, Dr. Amos Blair of Southampton, Mass.

37. Dr. ISRAEL ASHLEY (*Israel^a, Davidⁱ, David², Robertⁱ*), born 15 June 1747 in Westfield, Mass.; died 25⁺ March 1814 in Westfield; married 10 February 1774 in Southampton, Long Island, MARY GELSTON, daughter of Judge Hugh and Mary (Pelletreau) Gelston, born 10 August 1746 in Southampton;[‡] died 30[§] March 1814 in Westfield.

Israel Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1767, and, like his father, became a physician in his native town. After the death of his father in the army in 1758, the family continued to reside in his house, the old Ashley homestead, on the south side of Main Street in Westfield village. It was here that Doctor Ashley lived, and at his death the homestead passed to his only son.

Doctor Ashley took an active part in affairs in Westfield during the Revolution, and was chosen a member of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1776. His patriotism led him to enlist in the army the following year, and on September 21st he was appointed Surgeon of the Third Hampshire County Regiment, Col. John Moseley. His regiment was in service during the Saratoga campaign, which ended with Burgoyne's Surrender on October 17th, at which time

* Letter from a relative.

⁺ By West. Ch. and fam. records and gr. st., 26 by West. T. Rec.

[‡] By "Dwight Genealogy."

[§] By West. Ch. ("aged 65") and fam. records, 31 by West. T. Rec. and 1 *apr.* by gr. st., correcting "Dwight Genealogy" which gives the year 1816.



DR. ISRAEL ASHLEY.

Doctor Ashley received his discharge.* He also served in the same capacity in the same regiment at Northampton, June 12-14, 1782, during the excitement following the release of Samuel Ely from Springfield jail.†

Doctor Ashley became an influential citizen of Westfield, both socially and politically, and was well known as a physician throughout Hampshire County. He was a selectman 1779-82, 1784-85, and 1802-1804; town clerk 1781-89; and a justice of the peace for many years, and up to his death. He and his wife were members of the First Congregational Church in Westfield. They died of fever within five days of each other.‡

"Dr. Ashley used to say that home work was the best exercise in the world for women, as it developed every muscle in the body. He taught his wife to sew on fingers and thumbs and do other light surgery, so that the farmers would not be kept waiting if he was not at home. His daughters were taught thorough housekeeping, and wove and spun all the linen for their wedding outfits."§

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

- i. ISRAEL GELSTON†, b. 13 Aug. 1776; d. 29 May 1800 in Westfield unmarried.||
 - ii. MARY ("POLLY"), b. 21 Aug. 1778; m. 15 June 1800, Hon. Elijah Bates of Westfield.
 - iii. MARGARET ("PEGGY"***), b. 11 Nov. 1780; m. 23 Jan. 1805, Capt. Lyman Lewis of Westfield.
 - iv. HARRIOT, b. 27 Feb. 1783; m. Jesse Farnham of West Springfield, Mass.
 - v. HANNAH, b. 23 Apr. 1785; d. 21 Sept. †† 1791.
65. vi. THOMAS, b. 16 Mar. 1788.

38. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Israel*⁶; *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 May 1752 in Westfield, Mass.; died in the summer or

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 26, p. 203.

† Ditto, vol. 9, p. 422.

The services of Doctor Ashley are not mentioned in "Yale in the Revolution."

‡ His will, dated 27 Feb. 1812, proved 19 Apr. 1814, mentions his wife and children; his son to have the homestead. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 1, p. 334.]

§ Letter from a descendant.

|| Misspelled in West. Ch. Rec.

"To mortals and their hopes, I bid adieu || And ask no more || the rising sun to view."

*** So baptized, and always called.

†† By West. Ch. Rec. and gravestone, Oct. by West. T. Rec.

fall of 1811* in Russell, Mass. ; published intention of marriage 18⁺ September 1779 in Pittsfield, Mass., with RUTH HUBBARD, daughter of Capt. Daniel and Naomi (Root) Hubbard of that place, born 14 August 1752 in Westfield ; died 14 September 1831 in Westfield.†

William Ashley was living in his native place during the first years of the Revolution. He enlisted in the army July 25, 1779, as fifer in Capt. Elihu Lyman's company, Col. Elisha Porter's Hampshire County Regiment, and served at New London, receiving his discharge August 3, 1779.‡ He removed soon after to Pittsfield, Mass., where he married and was living in 1782. He returned to Westfield before 1803,|| and in 1809 settled in the adjoining town of Russell, where he passed the rest of his life. He was a farmer.**

CHILD BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.††

- i. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Mar. 1782 ; m. 5 Mar. 1803, Joseph Bull of Middletown, Conn.

39. NOAH ASHLEY (*Noah*¹⁷, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), baptized 8 February 1755-6 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 11 January^{‡‡} 1813 in Westfield, aged 57 years ; published intention of marriage 2 May 1778 in Westfield with THANKFUL NOBLE, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Sackett) Noble, born 17 July 1757 in Westfield. She married, 2d, Judge Judah Barnes of Turin, N. Y., and died there 3 October 1825.

Noah Ashley lived in Westfield and was a carpenter.

NO CHILDREN.

* His last tax assessment was 20 Apr. 1811, and his widow was taxed 9 Dec. 1811.

† 19 in Westfield.

‡ She was taxed in Russell until 1820, when she appears to have returned to Westfield. The vital records of Russell from 1800 to 1840 are lost.

§ Mass. Rev. Rolls., vol. 21, p. 26.

|| His daughter is called " of Westfield " at her marriage that year.

** Administration was granted on his estate 11 Feb. 1812 to his widow Ruth and son-in-law Joseph Bull. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 27, p. 135.] Inventory. [Ditto, p. 262.]

†† The " Hubbard Genealogy " states that there were " 9 ch. " [ildren], probably a typographical error for " 1 ch. ", as this is the only one recorded in Westfield and there are none in Pittsfield records. There was no distribution of the father's estate.

‡‡ Correcting the date of his death as stated in the " Noble Genealogy. " See " History of Lewis County, N. Y.," p. 211.

40. Gen. JOHN ASHLEY (*John*^{1*}, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 September 1736 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 5 November 1799 in Sheffield; married, 1st, 20^{*} May 1762 in New Marlborough, Mass., LOVISA WARD, daughter of Jabez and Phebe (Eager) Ward, born 15 October 1739 in New Marlborough; died 2 April 1767[†] in Sheffield. He married, 2d, 17 October 1769 in Westfield, Mass., MARY BALLANTINE, daughter of Rev. John and Mary (Gay) Ballantine,[‡] born 10 December 1744 in Westfield; died 8 March 1827 in Sheffield.

John Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1758. Returning to the home of his father, Judge Ashley, in Sheffield, he read law, and was admitted to the Hampshire Bar at the April term of 1762. Being an only son, and destined to succeed to large interests in lands, he engaged early in mercantile business, and followed his profession for only a few years. He owned a piece of land in the adjoining town of Mount Washington that is still known as Ashley hill, and the stream which runs through it is Ashley brook.

His father built him a house a short distance south of his own, and about a mile north of the present Ashley Falls post office. The house stands on the west bank of the Housatonic River on what is known as the "back road" between Ashley Falls and Sheffield, and is now owned by Mr. George Bartholomew, who has altered its appearance by the addition of a front porch and other improvements.

John Ashley, from his youth, was interested in military affairs, and rose successively through the several grades of Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain in his father's regiment. On September 3, 1771, he was commissioned Second-Major of the South Hampshire Regiment, of which his father was then colonel, and two years later was commissioned Major.

After the outbreak of the Revolution, his patriotism and position in the militia naturally led him to enlist in the army. He was commissioned Colonel of the 1st Berkshire Regiment April 4, 1777,[§] receiving his appointment as Field Officer on

* By one fam. rec., 1 by another.

† By gr. st. and one fam. rec., 1769 by another.

‡ Rev. John Ballantine devotes a page of his diary to a list of the guests at the wedding. He dismisses his daughter to the church in Sheffield 27 Sept. 1772.

§ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 68, p. 196. The original is in the possession of his great-granddaughter Mrs. Jeanie Ashley (Bates) Greenough of Westfield, Mass.

May 4th. "He marched his regiment to the Hudson in July, after the evacuation of Ticonderoga, and appears, from certain references, to have been at Bennington and with the Massachusetts forces in the Burgoyne campaign. He would naturally turn out at that crisis. It is probable also that he served on other occasions in that quarter."*

Colonel Ashley took a prominent part in the suppression of Shays' rebellion. On September 10, 1786, Major-Gen. John Paterson, anticipating that the mob would attempt to prevent the sitting of the court at Great Barrington, issued orders to his officers to have their men assembled there fully armed on the following Tuesday morning. Among others, Colonel Ashley replied to this order as follows:†

SHEFFIELD, 1786.

GEN. JOHN PATERSON:

In obedience to your orders, I have called upon the several companies in the Regiment under my command for their respective quota of men. The number were without difficulty collected in this place. The ammunition will be expended by to-morrow evening. We wish your directions in which manner they shall be supplied. Ammunition is also wanted for the troops from Sandisfield and New Marlborough.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN ASHLEY, *Col.*

Notwithstanding these precautions, the court was intimidated and voted to adjourn.

Colonel Ashley's command had a sharp skirmish with a force of the rebels on February 27, 1787, and scattered them. A report was received that the insurgents, after their plundering of Stockbridge, were in retreat through Egremont to New York. Colonel Ashley took his command by a back road towards Egremont. Finding that the insurgents were in their rear, a halt was made, and quite a hot engagement of a few minutes' duration ensued, when the rebels turned in flight. The plundering of Stockbridge was the last important demonstration made during the rebellion, and this was the only fight which occurred. General Lincoln, learning of Colonel Ashley's movements, wrote him: "Your successes must be important, as they will teach these deluded wretches that they cannot march unchecked by the good citizens, or spread depredations among them with impunity."

* "Yale in the Revolution," p. 212.

† "Life of Major-General John Paterson," p. 171.



GEN. JOHN ASHLEY'S HOUSE, ASHLEY FALLS, MASS.

Colonel Ashley held numerous civil offices. He was appointed a justice of the peace on June 27, 1771, and continued in frequent attendance on the Court of Sessions, of which he was a member, both before and after the Revolution. He was a selectman of Sheffield from 1777 to 1779, and in 1787 and 1788; and, at various intervals, from 1782 to his death, represented that town in the General Court. In 1788 he was commissioned Brigadier-General, and in 1789 Major-General of the 9th Division of the Massachusetts militia.

"General Ashley was ever a firm friend to the constitution and liberties of the United States. As a magistrate he was upright. By his death his aged parent is deprived of a dutiful son; the town has lost a friend to order; the poor have lost a benefactor; and his family a loss irreparable. He received a wound in his leg a few days before his death, which his surgeon supposed was healing. November 5, 1799, he rose in the morning, and unexpectedly expired in a few moments. On the seventh, he was buried with military honors. A large number of people testified their respect by attending his funeral."* The sermon on that occasion was preached by Rev. Ephraim Judson of Sheffield and the text was taken from Ecclesiastes vii. 2.

General Ashley was buried in the Ashley lot in the old cemetery in Sheffield. His gravestone bears the following inscription:†

Here lies deposited
the body of
MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN ASHLEY
Who died NOV. 5, 1799
in the Sixty fourth
year of his Life.

Make the extended skies your tomb,
Let Stars record your worth:
Yet know vain mortals all must die,
As natures sickliest birth.

* From the appendix to the funeral sermon, printed at Stockbridge, 1800, pp. 32, 16mo.

Administration was granted on his estate 13 Nov. 1799 to his widow Mary. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 2018.]

† An epitaph to him also occupies one side of the Ashley monument at Ashley Falls.

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. LOVISA, b. 10 Mar. 1763; m. Judge Samuel B. Sheldon of Salisbury, Conn., and Sheldon, Vt.
- 66. ii. JOHN, b. 11 Jan. 1767.*

By second wife:

- iii. BALLANTINE, b. 2 Dec. 1770; d. 7 Mar. 1799 in Sheffield, unmarried.
- 67. iv. WILLIAM, b. 4 Jan. 1773.
- v. ROGER, b. 27 Mar. 1775; d. 10 Dec. 1795.†
- vi. SAMUEL, b. 21 Nov. 1778; d. 17 Apr. 1790.†
- vii. MARY, b. 20 Mar. 1781; m. Dr. John E. Laffargue of St. Domingo, W. I., who settled in Sheffield.
- viii. HANNAH, b. 10 Sept. 1782; m. 17 Dec. 1806, John Hillyer, Esq., of Granby, Conn.
- ix. JANE, b. 19 Mar. 1784; m., 1st, Harry Clark of Sheffield; 2d, Dr. Nathaniel Preston of Sheffield.
- x. LYDIA, b. 19 Nov. 1788; m. 14‡ Sept. 1814, Hon. Royal R. Hinman of Hartford, Conn.

41. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 February 1733—4 in Westfield, Mass.; died 18 June 1776 in Westfield; married 6 May 1762 in Westfield, RHODA SACKETT, daughter of Eliakim and Thirsday (Fowler) Sackett, born 21 December 1740 in Westfield; died 25 September 1810 in Westfield.⁸

Joseph Ashley seems to have been a farmer and to have spent all his life in Westfield. He lived near Little River.¹¹

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. JAMES, b. 23 Feb. 1763; enlisted in the Revolution for three months service in Capt. Levi Ely's company in the Third Hampshire Regiment, Col. John Moseley, and was killed at the battle of Stone Arabia on 19 Oct. 1780. He was unmarried.^{**}
- 68. ii. ROGER, b. 6 Feb. 1765.
- iii. RHODA, b. 20 Jan. 1767; m. 5 Feb. 1792, Seth Miller of Marlborough, Vt., and Fort Ann, N. Y.

* Baptized in Westfield 30 Oct. 1770.

† Their common monument in Sheffield says, "Few and evil were our days."

‡ By his record, 15 by Shef. T. Rec.

§ She was received into full communion in Westfield Church 4 Aug. 1783.

|| His will, dated 10 June 1776, proved 7 Jan. 1777, mentions his wife Rhoda, mother Mercy Noble, and six children. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 12, p. 224.] Inventory. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 13, p. 146.]

** Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 18, p. 256, and vol. 42, p. 135.

69. iv. STEPHEN, b. 12 Apr. 1769.
 70. v. PELETIAH,* b. 19 Apr. 1771.
 71. vi. ELI, b. 30 Oct. 1773.

42. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 January 1738-9 in Deerfield, Mass.; died 30 May 1787 in Shelburne, Mass.; married 28 November 1771 in Deerfield, TIRZA FIELD, daughter of Col. David and Thankful (Taylor) Field, born 16 April 1749 in Deerfield. She married, 2d, 27 August 1792 in Deerfield, Rev. Jonathan Leavitt of Heath, Mass., and died 22 November 1797 in Heath.

Jonathan Ashley was graduated at Yale College in 1758. He was admitted to the bar and settled as a lawyer in his native town, where his talents gained him a large practice. He was elected a representative to the General Court in 1762, 1763, 1765 and 1768, and a selectman of the town in 1765, 1769, 1771 and 1772. He was appointed a justice of the peace on May 9, 1770, and held that office for five years.

His father, Rev. Jonathan Ashley, as has been seen, was entirely devoted to the interests of the King during the Revolution, and it was but natural that the son should identify himself with the Tories, and he did so most thoroughly.

"Great preparations were made by Tory creditors for the August courts [1774]. Esq. Jonathan Ashley was a busy man. He was so crowded that for nearly a week his brother Elihu was engaged with him in drawing writs. August 4th, news reached here from Great Barrington that David Ingersoll, a Tory, had been mobbed by the Liberty men. His Deerfield connections and friends began to open their eyes to the possible consequences, but Esq. Ashley and his brother kept on drawing writs. August 19th came news that on the 16th the court at Great Barrington had been stopped, . . . but Esq. Ashley and his brother kept on drawing writs—for the court was to meet at Springfield, Tuesday, August 30th."†

"The popular feeling was now at fever heat, and it was in a gloomy frame of mind that Esq. Ashley, with his green bag stuffed with writs, accompanied by Judge Williams and others, set off August 29th for Springfield to attend court About eight o'clock [the following day] Esq. Ashley arrived [in Deerfield], with his bag still full of writs, and gave the particulars of the lawless outrage‡ to a sympathetic circle

* *Pelly* in West, T. and Ch. Rec.

† Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."

‡ The mob at Springfield had marched the Tories out of court one by one and had made them sign an agreement not to act under any authority derived from the King.

of listeners. One present said, 'I never see any person so altered in my life as Squire Ashley was.' On September 5th a party of Tories garrisoned the house of Esq. Ashley. There may have been intimations of an approaching mob from the West,"* [but no trouble occurred].

When the progress of the war had reached the point where Great Britain made an effort for a peaceful settlement of the questions depending on its issues, provided that the claim of independence was not demanded, Jonathan Ashley was one of those instrumental in carrying the town meeting of January 22, 1781, so that the town's representatives were to urge on the General Court that "some immediate advances be made to the Court of Great Britain in order to effect peace without further effusion of blood." A hearing was held on these instructions by a committee of both houses of the General Court. This action followed :*

"Whereas, the Instructions given to the Representatives of the Town of Deerfield are expressed in such manner as renders it doubtful what the Intention of the Inhabitants of said Town of Deerfield is, relative to the Subject Matter of said Instructions, therefore

Resolved, that Seth Catlin, Gent., John Williams, Gent., and Jonathan Ashley, Esq., all of Deerfield, in the County of Hampshire, be, and they are hereby ordered, forthwith to attend the General Court to make answer to such Questions as shall be put to them relative to their views and designs in such Instructions."

As it appeared from the examination of the case by the Court that these three were unfriendly to Independence, they were laid under such restrictions "as the Commonwealth receive no injury from them," and put under bonds to appear at the Superior Court at Springfield in September, 1781, "to answer to such matters as may be brought against them touching their conduct in the war with Great Britain."*

On March 5, 1781 occurred the annual town meeting in Deerfield. "The principal offices were all filled with Tories; and, as if in open defiance of the Governor and Council, Jonathan Ashley was chosen town clerk and also treasurer, . . but at an adjourned meeting, March 19th, many of the Tory officers resigned."*

* Sheldon's "History of Deerfield."

Catlin, Williams and Ashley had been cast into jail in Boston on March 10th, and on the 23d they petitioned the Governor and Council for a release, but their petition was not granted. After another month in prison, Squire Ashley sent a petition, accompanied by a physician's certificate, stating that his health was impaired by his confinement and desiring the use of the jail yard to take exercise in. His request was granted, and he was given permission to lodge in the jailer's house. The next day, April 24th, all three prisoners petitioned for a release, and on the 25th they were admitted to bail in the sum of £2,000 each. This ended their prosecution.

In 1786 Squire Ashley sold his place in Deerfield and removed to the adjoining town of Shelburne, where he died the following year. "Though strongly set in his principles of Toryism, his sensitive nature and delicate constitution never recovered from the humiliation of his prison experience, and his life was shortened by it."*

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS.:

- i. WILLIAM, b. 28 Sept. 1772; d. 7 Oct. 1772.
- ii. HARRIET, bapt. 24 Oct. 1773; m. 21 June 1793, Col. Eliel Gilbert of Greenfield, Mass.
- iii. TIRZA, b. 19 Nov. 1774; m. 28 Oct. 1791, Rufus Saxton, Esq., of Deerfield.
- iv. DOROTHY, b. 3 Mar. 1776; m. intent. 19 July 1798, Dr. Roswell Leavitt of Cornish, N. H.
- v. ABIGAIL, b. 7 Sept. 1777; m. David White of Heath, Mass.
- vi. ELIZABETH MATILDA, bapt. 1 May 1780; d. 19 May 1780.

43. Dr. ELIHU ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*¹, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 12 August[†] 1750 in Deerfield, Mass.; died 14 March 1817 in Deerfield; married 2 November 1775 in Deerfield, his cousin MARY COOK WILLIAMS, daughter of Dr. Thomas and Esther (Williams) Williams, and niece of Col. Ephraim Williams the founder of Williams College, born 28 November 1752 in Deerfield; died 2 January 1831 in Deerfield.

Elihu Ashley studied medicine with his future father-in-

* Letter from Mr. Charles H. Ashley of Deerfield, who heard this from a granddaughter of Squire Ashley.

† By Deer. T. Rec., but written by himself *July* in his bible.

law, Dr. Thomas Williams, a distinguished physician and prominent citizen of Deerfield, and entered on the practice of his profession in Worthington, Mass., in 1774. Doctor Ashley returned to Deerfield the following year, and succeeded to Doctor Williams' office and practice. He continued in active practice until his death, a period of over forty years, and was a highly respected citizen. He was elected a selectman of Deerfield in 1783, 1784, 1789 and 1790. He inherited his father's house on Main Street, and in turn left it to his eldest son.*

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS.:

72. i. THOMAS WILLIAMS, b. 16 Aug. 1776.
- ii. NANCY, b. 4 July 1778; smothered in her trundle bed 6 Jan. 1779.
- iii. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 25 Apr. 1782.
- iv. MARY, b. 2 Dec. 1784; m. Col. William Tippets of Geneva, N. Y.

44. ABNER ASHLEY (*Ebenezer*²³, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 November 1751 in Westfield, Mass.; died 26 January 1838 in Bethany, N. Y.; married 31 March 1774[†] in Sheffield, Mass., LYDIA CHURCHILL, daughter of Samuel and Thankful (——) Churchill, born 22 May[‡] 1751 in Sheffield; died 11 April 1841 in Bethany.[§]

Abner Ashley was brought in infancy by his parents to Sheffield, Mass., and settled in that town as a farmer. He was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting June 29, 1777, as a private in Capt. Enoch Noble's company, Col. John Brown's regiment, and being discharged July 28, 1777.^{||} He reënlisted in the same company, which had been transferred to Col. John Ashley's regiment, October 15, 1780. The regiment "marched by order of Brig.-Gen. Fellows at the time Forts George and Ann were taken by the enemy," but was only out four days, and he was discharged October 17th.**

* His will, dated 10 Sept. 1814, proved 22 May 1817, mentions his wife, sons and daughter Mary Tippets. [Frank. Co. Prob. Rec., file 160.]

† "In the three & twentieth year of our age" by their fam. rec., but not in Shef. T. Rec.

‡ By Shef. T. Rec., 1 June by fam. rec.

§ "Aged 90 years" by her gravestone in Bethany cemetery.

|| Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 21, p. 181.

** Ditto, p. 167.

In 1784 Abner Ashley was farming in Spencertown, N. Y., and is supposed to have lived there until 1793, when he had removed to Hubbardton, Rutland County, Vt.* He remained in Hubbardton until the latter part of March, 1814,† and then came to Bethany, Genesee County, N. Y., where he passed the rest of his life at the home of his son.

CHILDREN :‡

- i. PAMELA, b. 10 Dec. 1774; m. Col. William Rumsey of Hubbardton, Vt., and Bethany, N. Y.
- ii. ELECTA, b. 3 June 1777; m., 1st, "on the 1st day of 1800,"§ Gilbert Wallace of Castleton, Vt.; 2d, Daniel Lake of Castleton.
- iii. CHARLOTTE,|| b. 12 Dec. 1779; d. 26 Mar. 1843 in Bethany, unmarried.
74. iv. ABNER, b. 8 May 1782.
- v. RHODA, b. 6 Dec. 1785; m. 18 May 1816, Nathan Rumsey of Bethany.
- vi. ANNE, b. 18 May 1787; m. 8 Jan. 1804, Jesse Rumsey of Hubbardton.
- vii. CLARISSA, b. 14 July 1790; m. 8 July 1813, Christopher Bresee of Hubbardton.

45. Major OLIVER ASHLEY (*Samuel*⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 October 1743 in Northfield, Mass.; died 9 April 1818 in Claremont, N. H.; married 18 October 1788 in Claremont, OLIVE LAWRENCE, who died 20 October 1825 in Claremont, aged 74 years.**

Oliver Ashley passed his youth in his father's home in Winchester, N. H. He removed to Claremont and became one of its most influential settlers. He was a representative from Claremont at the Fourth Provincial Congress, June 30, 1775,

* He then sold his land in Sheffield. [See Reg. of Deeds for the So. Dist. of Berks. Co.] Nothing could be found about him in the Spencertown records, but according to the Hubbardton records he appears to have lived there as above stated. Every record in Rutland County was searched in regard to him, as in the deed which gave the clue to his whereabouts he is simply called a "resident of Rutland County."

† He called himself of Hubbardton on Mar. 14th [see Pittsford, Vt., Land Rec.], but had left there before Apr. 1, 1814. [See Hubbardton, Vt., Land Rec.]

‡ The dates are taken from their parents' family bible. The first four, undoubtedly, were born in Sheffield, Mass., the others, probably, in Spencertown, N. Y.

§ Hubbardton, Vt., T. Rec.

|| Name changed from *Carlina*.

** Her will, dated 5 July 1820, proved 5 Nov. 1825, mentions her brother William Lawrence, sister Rebecca Day, Melinda Hill, and Susan, Mary and Betsey Willard. [Keene, N. H., Prob. Rec.]

and with Jonathan Child was appointed a committee "to confer with the Congress in Massachusetts, and if they then see best with the Assembly in Rhode Island and Connecticut respecting the information which we have received of the situation at Ticonderoga, Crown Point, etc." At a meeting held at Hanover July 5, 1776, it was voted to appoint Oliver Ashley Captain of the Claremont company, which at the same time was ordered "to go to Newbury for three months or less." His brother Samuel was appointed first-lieutenant. This company was the Fourth in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Militia Regiment, Col. Benjamin Bellows, and marched to reënforce the army at Ticonderoga, being in service from October 21 to November 16, 1776. The following year he served there in the same regiment until the evacuation, being discharged July 8th. On August 17th he led his company to Bennington. He reënlisted September 21st, and served under Col. Bellows during the Saratoga campaign, which ended with Burgoyne's surrender. Captain Ashley received his discharge October 21st.

Captain Ashley was elected a representative from Claremont in 1780, and was a delegate at the Charleston Convention, held January 16, 1781, and composed of delegates from forty-three towns of the New Hampshire Grants. In 1784 he was elected a justice of the peace. He also held the rank of Major in the militia and was known by this title.*

Major Ashley lived on the farm now owned by John Bailey, and established the ferry across the Connecticut River which bears the family name, the sole right of which was granted to him November 3, 1784. At his death he left by his will \$5,000, the income of which was perpetually to assist in the maintenance of the Union (Episcopal) Church in West Claremont.†

NO CHILDREN.

46. Col. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 September 1747 in Northfield,

* See "N. H. State Papers" (indexed) for authorities.

† His will, dated 13 Nov. 1817, proved 8 July 1818, mentions his wife Olive, grand-nephew Oliver Ashley, the Union Church in Claremont, Melinda, wife of Jonathan Hill, and Isaac Hubbard. [Keene, N. H., Prob. Rec.]

Mass.; died in October 1820 in Springville, Pa.; married 9 August 1770 in Northfield, his cousin LYDIA DOOLITTLE, daughter of Lucius and Sarah (Smith) Doolittle, born 25 December 1753 in Northfield; died _____.

Samuel Ashley, leaving his father's house in Winchester, N. H., where he had spent his youth, settled in Claremont in the same State, and became a man of importance. He lived on what is now known as the Charles Ainsworth farm.

Enlisting in the Revolution, he was appointed First-Lieutenant of the Claremont company, of which his brother Oliver had been commissioned captain July 5, 1776, and was ordered "to go to Newbury for three months or less." This company was the Fourth in Col. Benjamin Bellow's regiment, the Sixteenth New Hampshire, and marched to reinforce the army at Ticonderoga, serving from October 21 to November 16, 1776. During this and the Saratoga campaign, September 21 to October 17, 1777, he acted as Adjutant on Col. Bellows' staff. His company had also served at Ticonderoga until the evacuation, being discharged July 8, 1777, and he probably marched with it to Bennington on August 16th of that year.

He was six days on horseback in Lieut. Jeremiah Spencer's scouting party of twenty-four men, which, in August 1780, went in pursuit of the enemy who had made a raid from Canada on Claremont and adjacent towns. The party searched in the woods three days, and two lieutenants of the British army fell into their hands. About that time Lieutenant Ashley was made Captain in the New Hampshire Line.

After the close of the war Captain Ashley continued to take an active part in military affairs. He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fifteenth New Hampshire Militia Regiment on December 25, 1784, and its Colonel on September 25, 1786.*

Colonel Ashley removed with his son Charles to Springville, Susquehanna County, Pa., in the spring of 1818, and died there two years later.

*See "N. H. State Papers" (indexed) for authorities.

CHILDREN BORN IN CLAREMONT, N. H. :*

- i. CONTENT, b. ——— 1771; m. 22 Sept. 1786, Col. Daniel Buck, M. C., of Norwich, Vt.
75. ii. SAMUEL, b. ——— 1773.
76. iii. SOLOMON WILLARD, b. ——— 1774.
- iv. SARAH, b. ——— 1776; m. 26 Oct. 1796, Reuben Partridge of Norwich.†
- v. LYDIA, b. 22 Nov. 1779; m. 17 Apr. 1799,‡ William Baxter of Norwich and Brownington, Vt.
77. vi. CHARLES, b. ——— 1782.
- vii. HARMONY, b. — Jan. 1784; d. 25 Sept. 1784, aged 9 months.
- viii. FRIENDLY, b. ——— 1786; d. in infancy.
- ix. OLIVE, b. ——— 1788; m. Seth Bunnell of Derby, Vt., and removed to Canada.
- x. CYNTHIA, b. 8 Aug. 1791; m. 1 Aug. 1811, John Weare, Esq., of Allegan, Mich., and Cedar Rapids, Ia.
- xi. SUSANNAH, b. ——— 1793; m. ——— Cutting of Franklin County, Vt.

47. Major DANIEL^s ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 15 January 1754 in Winchester, N. H.; died 8 October 1810 in Claremont, N. H.; married 11 August 1777 in Winchester, N. H., MERCY PRATT, daughter of ¹Oli-ver and Sally (Willard) Pratt, born 12 December 1755 in Newton, Mass.; died in June 1832 in West Bloomfield, N. Y., at the home of her daughter Mercy.

Daniel Ashley settled near the Ashuelot River in Winchester, N. H., of which his father was an original grantee and influential citizen. The patriotic stand his father had taken at the outbreak of the Revolution could not fail to imbue his son with like sentiments, and he early enlisted in the American Army. He was commissioned Lieutenant of Capt. John Houghton's company, Col. Nahum Baldwin's regiment, mustered September 22, 1776, to reënforce the army in New York. The regiment was in the battle of White Plains, October 28, 1776, and was dismissed early in December of that

* Their births are not recorded at Claremont, and the dates and order of their births are based on what is supposed to be the most reliable family record.

† Correcting a statement in print that she m. *Alden* Partridge.

‡ By two fam. recs. considered by descendants a better authority than Nor. T. Rec., which gives the date 15 Oct. 1801. First child born 14 Jan. 1801.

§ Correcting "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 39, p. 145, line 25, where his name is printed *David*.

¶ Her name does not appear under these parents in Jackson's "History of Newton," but she is thought to be their daughter.

year. He was delegate from Winchester to the Concord Convention held June 10, 1778, to form a new constitution. In 1781 he was elected a selectman of Winchester, and in 1786 and 1787 he represented the town in the Legislature. Prior to this he had been commissioned Captain in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Militia Regiment, and on June 22, 1786, he was appointed its 2d Major.*

The following two anecdotes in the life of Major Ashley were wont to be related by his widow :

"He was Sheriff of Cheshire County before the Revolution, when New Hampshire and New York were quarreling about the so called "New Hampshire Grants," now the State of Vermont. He went over to the "Grants" to secure writs of ejectment on the New York squatters, but they seized him and took him to Albany. He was confined in jail, where he was very near freezing to death for want of clothing and fire, but he was finally released."

"In the Revolutionary war, when Baune was advancing upon the military stores at Bennington, a draft of one in four was made, and my husband, Daniel Ashley, was among the drafted. It was in harvest time, and farm help was very scarce. His father insisted upon taking his son's place, saying, 'I can fight as well, better even than Daniel, and Daniel can do more work ; if one is to be killed, it far better be me.' His father with some difficulty prevailed, and fought in his son's place."

CHILDREN BORN IN WINCHESTER, N. H.:

78. i. HENRY, b. 10 Feb. 1778.
- ii. SOPHIA, b. 3 Feb. 1779; m. 1 Mar. 1795, Samuel Hill of Winchester.
79. iii. DANIEL, b. 27 Feb. 1781.
- iv. EPHRAIM, b. 23 Oct. 1783; d. 25 Oct. 1783.
- v. SALLY WILLARD, b. 2 June 1785; d. 13 Feb. 1795.
- vi. OLIVER PRATT, b. 13 May 1787; d. 16 Nov. 1788.
- vii. MERCY, b. 26 Nov. 1789; m. 1 Jan. 1812, Uri Webster of Whitesborough and West Bloomfield, N. Y.
80. viii. SERAPH, b. 10 Mar. 1791; m. Lucius Doolittle of Cohoes, N. Y.†
81. ix. OLIVER PRATT, b. 25‡ May 1794.

*See "N. H. State Papers" (indexed) for authorities.

†Her family record is carried forward as her children had their names changed from *Doolittle* to *Ashley*.

‡By fam. rec., 28 by Winch. T. Rec.

48. LUTHER ASHLEY* (*Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 August 1764 in Winchester, N. H.; died in ? May 1819 in Claremont, N. H.; married 26 July 1785 in Claremont, SARAH JONES, daughter of Lieut. Ezra and Sarah (——) Jones, born 6 March 1766 in Claremont; died?

Luther Ashley settled on what is now known as the Ralph Ainsworth place in Claremont, N. H. He was a soldier in the Revolution and served in his brother Capt. Oliver Ashley's company at Bennington. He was decreed "non compos" March 29, 1808,⁺ and as his guardians were discharged May 5, 1819, he is supposed to have died about that time.

CHILDREN BORN IN CLAREMONT, N. H.:

- i. ROBERT, b. 21 Oct. 1786; m. 5 Aug. 1806, Fanny Petty and "went West." Child born in Claremont: *Fanny*, b. 24 July 1813; d. 2 Aug. 1813.†
- ii. CHLOE, b. 12 Mar. 1788; m. 10 May 1813, Jared Taylor of Claremont.
- iii. ALFRED, b. 19 Nov. 1789; d. unmarried, it is said.
- iv. GEORGE, b. 6 Oct. 1791.‡

49. Capt. WILLIAM SYMES ASHLEY (*Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15^s September 1756 in Westfield, Mass.; died 10 June 1846 in Hartland, Vt.; married, 1st, 17 July 1780 in Hartland, CLARISSA WILLARD, daughter of Capt. Aaron and Mary (Snead) Willard, born 13 February 1767 in Charlestown, N. H.; died 12 March 1816 in Hartland. He married, 2d, 9 July 1818 in Sharon, Vt., AURELIA LATHROP, daughter of Oliver and Eunice (Hough) Lathrop, who died 11 March 1859 in Windsor, Vt.

William Symes Ashley was named for his step-grandfather Col. William Symes. He probably came to Hartland, Vt., when a young man, and became a man of note there, holding many important offices. He was elected town constable and selectman, represented Hartland in the Legislature, and was

* He is confused in Sheldon's "History of Deerfield" with another of the same name who belonged to a family of Ashleys not descended from Robert Ashley of Springfield.

⁺ And his brother Oliver and Isaac Hubbard were appointed his guardians. [Keene, N. H., Prob. Rec.]

[‡] Members of this family failed to answer the compiler's letters.

§ By West. T. Rec., 16 by fam. rec.

Sheriff of Windsor County for several years. He had the titles of "Captain" and "Squire."

Strictly honorable in all his business transactions, Squire Ashley's advice was often sought by his neighbors and his opinion highly valued. He was always a friend of the poor. He is noted in deeds as "William S. Ashley, gentleman;" the conveyances are numerous, and prove him to have been an extensive land holder and a man of business. Many of the bricks used in Hartland and its vicinity were made on his farm.*

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTLAND, VT.:

By first wife.

- i. MARTHA, b. 18 Jan. 1783; m. 7 May 1809, Dr. Daniel Jennison of Hartland.
- ii. DANIEL, b. 30 June 1785; settled as a farmer in Hartland, where he was known as "Captain" Ashley and became a man of property. From 1837 to 1839 he represented the town in the Legislature. Though a peculiar man in some respects, he was considered honest and upright, and was highly respected. He d. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Apr. 1867 in Hartland, unmarried.
82. iii. WILLIAM, b. 19 Sept. 1789.
- iv. CLARISSA, b. 12 Feb. 1792; m. 2 Dec. 1818, James Gilson of Bethel, Vt.
- v. SYMES, b. 31 Aug. 1796; enlisted at the age of sixteen in the army during the War of 1812, and d. 12 Dec. 1812 in Randolph, Vt.

50. MARTIN ASHLEY (*Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*^o, *Samuel*^o, *David*², *Robert*^l), born 20 November 1759[†] in Suffield, Conn.; died 14 June 1834 in Shrewsbury, Vt.; married 16^s August 1787 in Walpole, N. H., THEODOSIA KILBOURN, daughter of Capt. John and Content (Carpenter) Kilbourn, and sister of John Kilbourn who married his sister Anne Ashley (26, ix), born 23 December 1767[‡] in Walpole; died in September 1849 in Shrewsbury.

* At this time there was another family of Ashleys living in Hartland. From correspondence with its descendants and other information, it appears that this family belonged to the numerous Ashley family early settled in Barnard, in the same county, which is supposed to have gone there from Wrentham, Mass., and is not descended from Robert Ashley of Springfield.

† By Hart. T. Rec., 16 by Woodstock (Vt.) Prob. Rec.

‡ By Suff. T. Rec., 1758 by his pension application.

§ By Walpole Ch. Rec. and fam. rec., 15 by "Kilbourn Genealogy," and 17 by his pension application.

|| By fam. rec., 1768 by "Kilbourn Genealogy."

Martin Ashley came, when a boy, with his father to Walpole, N. H. The following account of his service in the army during the Revolution is taken from his pension application.* In the spring of 1776 he enlisted under Capt. Cook of Keene, N. H., and served four months as a private and teamster. He reënlisted July 21, 1777, in Capt. Christopher Webb's company, Col. Silas Stickney's regiment, and was engaged in the battle of Bennington, being discharged September 22d. In 1776 he reënlisted at Walpole, under Lieut. Case, to serve three years in the Continental Army, but after serving about three months, not being of a strong constitution, he procured a substitute and left the service.

He then returned to Walpole, where he was elected to several town offices, among them that of school collector in 1787. He and his wife joined the Congregational church there on August 31, 1788, and that day his child was baptized. The following year he removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., and was engaged in farming there and in the adjoining town of Mount Holly for the remainder of his life. A pond of considerable size in Shrewsbury is still known as Ashley's pond.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN SHREWSBURY, VT. :

83. i. JOHN, b. 9 July 1788 in Walpole, N. H.
- ii. THEODOSIA, b. 30 Mar. 1791; m., 1st, ——— Riley; 2d, Peter Brown of Lunenburg, Mass.†
- iii. ROSALINDA, b. 15 Aug. 1794; m. ——— Drake of Colebrook, Ohio.*
- iv. LAURA, b. 6 Nov. 1798; m. James Butler of ?*
- v. ESTHER, b. 3 Feb. 1803; m. ——— Doolittle of Canadice, N. Y.*
- vi. ORPHA, b. 3 Sept. 1805; m. 15 Nov. 1824, Waldo B. Allen of Mount Holly, Vt.
- vii. CAROLINE MATILDA, b. 5 Dec. 1808; m. 7 Feb. 1832, William Royce of Cuttingsville, Vt.

51. NOAH ASHLEY (*William*²⁵, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*[†]), born 28 March 1769 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 23 January 1841 in Richmond, N. Y.; married 29 September 1796 in Rupert, Vt., ELIZABETH SHELDON, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (West) Sheldon, and sister of the wife of his brother

* Dated Aug. 21, 1832, and from "N. H. Rev. Rolls, vol. 2, p. 367.

† Descendants failed to answer the compiler's letters.

William, born 2 June 1777 in Richmond, Mass.; died 8 March 1849 in Richmond, N. Y.

Noah Ashley, after teaching school a short time, entered the store of a relative in his native town as a salesman. At the age of seventeen, in 1786, he went to the town of Pawlet, Rutland County, Vt., to accept a similar position. He continued to reside there for the first six years succeeding his marriage. In the fall of 1802 he went to examine the condition of the new country around Richmond, Ontario County, N. Y., making the journey on horseback. He was so well pleased with the prospect that he bought a farm of 185 acres near the center of the town, on which was a small clearing and a log house, and early in 1803 removed there with his family. His farm was a little north of the center of the town of Richmond, and Honeoye, a small village at the foot of Honeoye Lake, is the present post office.

Richmond is a distinctly farming community, but, although educated to other pursuits, Squire Ashley, as he was called in his new home, soon made his farm a source of liberal income. Possessing an indomitable will and fixedness of purpose, in which traits of character his faithful wife largely shared, he soon rendered himself exceedingly valuable to his fellow pioneers. He entered zealously into all public enterprises, and furthered the interests of the settlement, not only by wise and judicious counsel, but by practical work which his sound business capacity enabled him to perform satisfactorily. As the necessity presented itself, he was administrator, assignee, lawyer and magistrate for the early settlers; positions for which his education peculiarly fitted him. He was supervisor for many years and held other town offices. His son Noah inherited his homestead.

CHILDREN :*

- i. ELIZA, b. 28 Aug. 1797; m. 1816, Luman Gilbert of Richmond, N. Y.
- ii. SHELDON, b. 13 May 1799; d. 15 Feb. 1803 in Pawlet, Vt.
84. iii. HIRAM, b. 29 May 1801.
- iv. SOPHIA, b. 17 Dec. 1804; d. 15 Mar. 1823 in Richmond, unmarried.

* The first three born in Pawlet, Vt., the others in Richmond, N. Y.

- 85. v. NOAH, b. 24 Aug. 1806.
- 86. vi. WILLIAM, b. 5 Jan. 1809.
- vii. MARY ANN, b. 25 Aug. 1811; m. 10 Oct. 1844, George Frederic Pierce of Castile, N. Y.
- viii. ELIAS GILBERT, b. 31 Dec. 1813; d. 31 Mar. 1827.
- ix. SARAH ANN, b. 12 Aug. 1817; m. 12 Jan. 1843, Socrates Nelson Clark and resides in Castile, N. Y.
- x. SHELDON, b. 4 Dec. 1819; d. 1 July 1823.

52. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*William*^{2s}, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 12 December 1781 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 11 December 1868 in Oakfield, Mich.; married, 1st, 26 May 1803 in Williamstown, Mass., SARAH SHELDON, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (West) Sheldon, and sister of the wife of his brother Noah, born 26 April 1786 in Williamstown; died 17 October 1830 in Richmond, N. Y. He married, 2d, 30 October 1831 in Livonia, N. Y., Mrs. HANNAH (WILCOX) POWELL, widow of Elisha Powell of Livonia, and daughter of Ephraim Wilcox, born 4 September 1798 in Livonia; died 25 April 1859 in Grand Rapids, Mich., while on a visit to her step-son William Ashley.

William Ashley settled in Richmond, N. Y., about the time his brother did, 1803. He first lived near him, but later moved to a farm in the southwestern part of the town. In 1831 he removed to Conesus, Livingston County, where he lived four years, returning to Richmond in 1836.

In the spring of 1847 he emigrated to Oakfield, Mich., where his oldest son had settled, and lived there the rest of his life. He was a farmer, and was prominent in the First Baptist Church of Oakfield, usually known as the Ashley Church. He was a musician by nature and an excellent bass singer. He was an active and ambitious man, very quick witted, and possessed a keen sense of humor.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. MARIA, b. 11 July 1804; m. 29 Jan. 1822, Thomas Williams of Richmond.
- 87. ii. ALANSON SHELDON, b. 30 Oct. 1806.
- iii. JANE, b. 14 Oct. 1809; m. 18 Feb. 1830, Col. Norman Wells Mather of Livonia, N. Y.

- iv. GEORGE F.,* b. 20 Jan. 1812; d. 26 May 1816.
- v. EMELINE, b. 30 May 1815; m. 1856, Solomon B. Lathrop of Grand Rapids, Mich.
- vi. ANTHA R.,* b. 6 Dec. 1816; d. 27 July 1818.
- vii. SUBMIT, b. 3 Mar. 1819; m. 4 Nov. 1840, Lansing Kendall Jenne of Galesburgh, Ill.
- 88. viii. ABNER, b. 3 Dec. 1821.
- 89. ix. NOAH R.,* b. 1 July 1824.
- x. SARAH, b. 6 May 1827; m. John Barker and resides in Portland, Ore.†
- 90. xi. WILLIAM, b. 6 Aug. 1829.

CHILDREN BORN IN CONESUS, N. Y.:

By second wife:

- xii. ELIZA, b. 9 Sept. 1833; d. 8 July 1835.
- xiii. ELLEN BEEBE, b. 27 Sept. 1836; m. 31 Oct. 1857, Frank W. King and resides in Charlotte, Mich.

53. Capt. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 May 1763 in Leverett, Mass.; died 7 April 1847 in Hudson, N. Y.; married, 1st, about 1787 in Northampton, Mass., NANCY POMEROY, daughter of Capt. Elisha and Esther (Wright) Pomeroy, baptized 17 May 1761 in Northampton; died ————. He married, 2d, about 1802, JERUSHA LEONARD, daughter of Col. Noadiah and Jerusha (Smith) Leonard, born 3 March 1769 in Sunderland, Mass.; died ————.

William Ashley, after living a few years in Pelham (now Prescott) and Amherst, Mass., came among the early settlers to Hudson, N. Y. He was known in Hudson as Captain Ashley, and his name first appears on the tax list there on May 27, 1797. He lived on the hill one mile east of the landing, where he built a large brick house, the first one in that neighborhood, and claimed the privilege of naming the elevation Prospect Hill. He kept a country store in this house nearly fifty years.

CHILDREN :‡

By first wife:

- i. WILLIAM, b. 28 May 1789 in Pelham, Mass.; lost at sea, unmarried.

* Initial only.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

‡ Their births (except that of i) are not recorded in Pelham, Amherst, or Hudson.

- 91. ii. CHESTER, b. 1 June 1791 in Amherst, Mass.
- 92. iii. ELISHA POMEROY, b. about 1793.
- iv. MARY, b. about 1795; m. William Van Alstyne of Schodack Landing, N. Y.*

By second wife :

- v. LAURETTA, b. about 1803; d. 7 Mar. 1870, aged 67, in Hudson, N. Y., unmarried.
- vi. PLINY, b. about 1806; d. unmarried.

54. Lient. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 June 1770 in Leverett, Mass.; died 17 September 1823 in North Fairfield, Ohio; married 26 November 1801 in Leverett, MARTHA COWLES, daughter of Josiah and Christian (Graves) Cowles, born 27 February 1777 in Leverett. She married, 2d, Ebenezer Guthery, and died 19 January 1859 at the home of her son "Lansing" in North Fairfield.

Stephen Ashley appears to have lived in several towns—Albany, Claverack and Athens, N. Y., and again in his native place. He emigrated with his family from Leverett to Huron County, Ohio, in 1819, and settled in what is now Fairfield township (North Fairfield post office), where five years later he died. He was a farmer. His son "Lansing" inherited his farm.

CHILDREN :

- 93. i. JOHN LANSING, b. 22 Jan. 1803 in Albany, N. Y.
- ii. CORNELIA VAN RENSSALAER, b. 11 Nov. 1805 in Claverack, N. Y.; m. Eben Dunton of Huntington, Ind.*
- iii. STEPHEN, b. 8 Mar. 1808 in Athens, N. Y.; d. 27 Mar. 1808.
- iv. EMELINE LULIA, b. 17 Feb. 1809 in Athens; m. 11 Dec. 1828, Halsey Terry of Bronson, Ohio.
- v. CHRISTINIA COWLES, b. 22 Apr. 1812 in Leverett, Mass.; m. 27 Feb. 1834, Jacob Fraber of Galesburgh, Ill.
- 94. vi. STEPHEN URIAL, b. 17 Dec. 1814 in Leverett.
- vii. EVANDER, b. 7 Apr. 1817 in Leverett; d. 8 June 1823 in Peru, Ohio.

55. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 March 1780 in Leverett, Mass.; died 7 January 1855 in Leverett; married 26⁺ June 1806 in Greenwich,

* Descendants failed to answer the compiler's letters.

+ By Lev. T. Rec., 10 by "Weeks Genealogy."

Mass., CYNTHIA WEEKS, daughter of Ammiel and Sarah (Mandel *née* Johnson) Weeks, born 10 June 1785 in Leverett; died 7 April 1871 in Leverett.

Joseph Ashley was a farmer. He lived on the Ashley homestead in Leverett, which he inherited from his father, and it passed at his death to his son Marvin.

CHILDREN BORN IN LEVERETT, MASS. :

- i. A son, b. 13 May 1807; d. 18 May 1807.
- ii. SOPHRONIA, b. 18 Sept. 1809; d. 4 Dec. 1831 in Leverett, unmarried.
- 95. iii. WILLIAM, b. 9 July 1811.
- 96. iv. JOHN VAN ALSTYNE, b. 30 May 1813.
- 97. v. MARVIN WEEKS, b. 26 Sept. 1815.
- 98. vi. MYRON, b. 26 Oct. 1817.
- vii. SALOME, b. 5 Oct. 1819; m. 26 May 1850,* Consul Bonaparte Cutter and resides in Leverett.
- 99. viii. CHESTER, b. 12 Sept. 1821.
- 100. ix. STEPHEN, b. 28 Mar. 1823.

56. Capt. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Oliver*³², *David*⁴, *David*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 September 1751 in Westfield, Mass.; died ——— 18— in Sandy Hill, N. Y.;[†] married [? CHARLOTTE] CALKINS.

Stephen Ashley passed his childhood and youth with his father in Sheffield and Pittsfield, Mass. He returned to Sheffield shortly before the Revolution, and, after its outbreak, hastened to enlist in the American Army. His name appears as sergeant on the muster roll of Capt. Peter Ingersoll's company, Col. David Brewer's regiment, from May 19 to August 1, 1775.[‡] He reënlisted that day, and served two months in the same company and regiment,[§] and then served in the 9th Regiment of Foot, Col. Rufus Putnam, until his discharge, December 20, 1775. He received pay for eight months service in 1775.[§] He may have been engaged at Bunker Hill, and was certainly at the siege of Boston.

After leaving the army, Stephen Ashley is supposed to have lived on his father's farm in Sheffield for about a year. He

* By herself, correcting "Weeks Genealogy," which says 1849.

† There are no town records there early enough to contain this date.

‡ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 15, p. 44.

§ Ditto, vol. 57, file 6.

then married, and a few years later was one of the early settlers of Jessup's Landing (now Corinth), Saratoga County, N. Y., and kept the first inn there.* Early in the spring of 1786 he came to Van der Heyden's Ferry, now Troy, N. Y., being the second settler of English descent there.

"The next applicant was Capt. Stephen Ashley of Salisbury, Conn.† He secured the old building of Matthias Van der Heyden at the corner of Division and River streets by a two years' lease and opened the house as a tavern.‡ In connection with his business as landlord, he controlled and operated a ferry, which being the only public crossing over the river in the vicinity brought him both guests and gain. . . . The place was known as Ashley's Ferry or Vanderheyden's Ferry until January 5, 1789, when the name Troy was adopted by the property owners." At the end of his lease Captain Ashley was obliged to give up his tavern and ferry to Van der Heyden, who continued to keep both.

"One of the celebrities of Troy, in the year 1790, was Captain Stephen Ashley, who having vacated, in the previous year, the Matthias Van der Heyden house, had now opened an inn in a new and larger building on the east side of the road north of the corner of Ferry and River streets. This was a tavern much resorted to by a large number of farmers, to whom this jovial host had endeared himself, and it was also a favorite stopping place for a night's lodging for those going to and returning from New York on river craft. Upon Ferry Street he planted two high poles, one on each side of the roadway, and connected them at the top with a horizontal bar, and from it he suspended a small gate, upon which was painted in large letters :

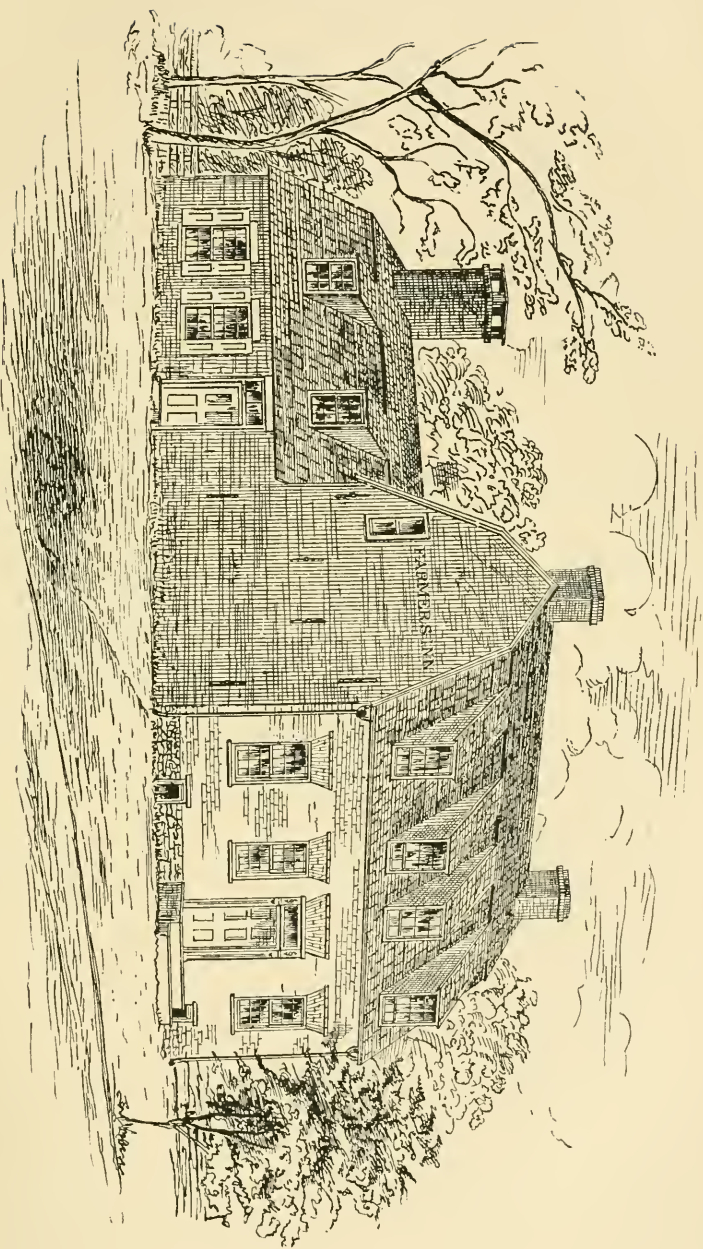
THIS GATE HANGS HIGH, IT HINDERS NONE,
REFRESH, THEN PAY, AND TRAVEL ON.

In front, on River Street, was erected a tall sign-post, on the top of which was a three-sided box supported by pivots, which

* "About 1800" by "History of Saratoga County," but he was then in Troy.

† From "History of the City of Troy," by A. J. Weise. He certainly owned and sold land in Salisbury, but he was not found to be a resident of that town.

‡ The house was built by Van der Heyden in 1752.



CAPT. STEPHEN ASHLEY'S TAVERN, TROY, N. Y., 1786.

turned with the wind, and bore this public invitation on its several sides :

COME, HERE IS ASHLEY'S, LET US CALL."

The services of public worship were first held in the ball-chamber of Ashley's Tavern, which was the most commodious apartment offered. The conchshell used at the ferry was blown at precisely nine o'clock on Sunday morning, with a slow and prolonged sound, by which it was generally understood that religious services would begin at ten. When the people had convened, William Frazer (the only person who would pray in public) invoked the Supreme Being, after which Jacob D. Van der Heyden lined out a Psalm, in the singing of which the men and women united their voices. This was followed by a selected sermon read either by Doctor Gale or Colonel Pawling, both of whom were excellent readers. The services closed as they had begun, Jacob D. Van der Heyden lining the hymn and William Frazer making the closing prayer. Frequently, preaching occurred in the old Brick Church in Lansingburgh. This was announced in the papers, and the service was generally well attended by the people of Troy.

With such antecedents, Ashley's Tavern was not only a reputable rendezvous for all travelers, but the place of the annual meeting of the County Court, a poll for the election of civil officers, and on Sundays a meeting-house for divine worship. Incongruous as some of these uses may seem in connection with a tavern, still they are to be considered as due to the pressing necessities of a new village where the wants are greater than the accommodations. Additional prestige was given the house in the month of May, 1791, when the Secretary of State, Hon. Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison, then a member of the Constitutional Congress, representing the State of Virginia, made it a stopping-place on their way to Lake George. The tavern was also a meeting place at all celebrations and other gala occasions, over one hundred people being often entertained at dinner at such times.**

On August 29, 1803, "Stephen Ashley of Troy, Gent.," sold his lands in Sheffield and Great Barrington, Mass. Not

* "History of the City of Troy," by A. J. Weise.

long after this he removed to the village of Sandy Hill in the town of Kingsbury, Washington County, N. Y., where he also kept a tavern, and subsequently died.

CHILDREN :*

- i. CHARLOTTE, b. 10 Aug. 1777 ; m. 26 July 1797, William Metcalf Bliss, Esq. of Troy.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. about 1780 ; m. Apr. 1801, Ephraim Morgan of Troy.
- iii. A daughter, b. about 1783 ; m. ——— Noyes of Troy.
101. iv. STEPHEN NOBLE, b. 7 Mar. 1786 in Troy.†

57. Dea. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 24 August 1759 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 13⁺ June 1826 in Martinsburgh, N. Y.; married, 1st, in February 1784 in Sheffield, OLIVE BOARDMAN, daughter of Lieut. Daniel and Sarah (——) Boardman, born 26 September 1760 in Sheffield; died 21 March 1795 in Greenfield, now Corinth, N. Y. He married, 2d, in September 1796, Mrs. POLLY BENSON,[§] born 16 August 1773 in Montgomery, Mass.; died 4 October 1847 in Mendon, N. Y., at the home of her son Alonzo Benson.

Daniel Ashley, after passing his boyhood at his father's home in Pittsfield, Mass., returned to his native town, Sheffield, just before the outbreak of the Revolution. He joined the army during the first year of the war, at the age of seventeen, and saw about one year and a half of almost constant service. He enlisted December 16, 1776, as a private in Capt. Ephraim Fitch's company, Col. Benjamin Simonds' Berkshire County Regiment, and served two months and nine days, the roll being dated at Ticonderoga February 25, 1777.^{||} He continued in the service in Capt. Enoch Noble's company, Col. John Brown's regiment, under orders from Brig.-Gen. John Fellows and the Committee of Safety at the request of Maj.-Gen. Schuyler, until discharged May 21, 1777.^{**} July 21st following he reënlisted in Capt. John King's company, Col. John Ashley's Berkshire County Regiment, and was discharged

* Not recorded in either Sheffield, Mass., Salisbury, Conn., Greenfield or Troy, N. Y.

† According to fam. rec.

‡ By fam. rec., 18 by "History of Lewis County, N. Y."

§ Her record, written in 1824, is the authority for this family register.

|| Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 47, p. 172.

** Ditto, vol. 21, p. 181.

August 15th.* From September 19th to October 19th of that year he served in Capt. Roswell Downing's company in the same regiment.† He reënlisted May 31, 1778, for the term of nine months, in Capt. Truman Wheeler's company in that regiment,‡ and marched that day to Fishkill, continuing with his company during its term of service.§ Colonel Ashley's regiment marched to the Hudson in July after the evacuation of Ticonderoga, and probably was at Bennington and with the Massachusetts forces in the Burgoyne campaign. He continued in the service in Colonel Ashley's regiment, serving in Capt. John Spoor's company, October 15 to 17, 1780, when the regiment "marched to the Northward when Forts Ann and George were taken by the enemy";|| and October 12 to 28, 1781, when the regiment "marched on the alarm to Barnes' Heaths in Stillwater."*** His name is also on a warrant to pay the same company on a roll dated March 7, 1783.††

Daniel Ashley continued to reside in Sheffield for a few years after his marriage. He lived on Taconic Mountain, the range west of Sheffield.‡‡ About 1788 he removed to what was then Stillwater, Saratoga County, N. Y. In 1791 he called himself a resident of Greenfield, N. Y., and that year sold his land in Sheffield to Ezra Fellows. He lived in that part of Greenfield which became the town of Hadley, and later Corinth. In 1801, or 1802, he removed to Martinsburgh, Lewis County, N. Y., arriving there during the first or second year of its settlement. He built a house there, and kept a country inn. The house is still standing. He was an earnest Christian, and a deacon in the Baptist church until his removal by death.

CHILDREN : §§

By first wife :

102. i. STEPHEN, b. 4 Dec. 1784.

ii. LYDIA, b. 1 Oct. 1789 ; m. John Wainwright of Mendon, N. Y. |||

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 2, p. 168.

† Ditto, vol. 18, p. 190.

‡ "Daniel Ashley of Sheffield, age 19, height 5 ft. 10 in., complexion light." [Ditto, vol. 28, p. 140.]

§ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 42, pp. 197, 200.

|| Ditto, vol. 23, p. 2.

** Ditto, vol. 23, p. 16.

†† Ditto, vol. 29, p. 204.

‡‡ Ditto, vol. 28, p. 140.

§§ The first born in Sheffield, Mass., the next in Stillwater, N. Y., the next in Fairfield, N. Y., the others in Corinth, N. Y.

||| Descendants failed to answer the compiler's letters.

103. iii. DANIEL, b. 29 Aug. 1792.

104. iv. OTIS, b. 21 Mar. 1795.

By second wife :

105. v. CYRUS, b. 22 Dec. 1797.

106. vi. RILEY BOARDMAN, b. 7 Oct. 1799.

vii. OLIVE ELIZA, b. 3 Sept. 1801 ; m. 2 Mar. 1819, John McCulloch of Martinsburgh, N. Y.

58. OLIVER ASHLEY (*Oliver*³², *David*⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 November 1766 in Pittsfield, Mass. ; died 14 June 1825 in Tallmadge, Ohio ; married about 1793, TABITHA BAKER, born 27 April 1769 in ——— ; died 3 April 1846 in Tallmadge.*

Oliver Ashley came, when a boy, with his father to the latter's old home in Sheffield, Mass., and lived there over thirty years. He then removed to Hadley (now Corinth), Saratoga County, N. Y., where his elder brother Daniel had settled, and a document in the possession of his descendants certifies that "on July 16, 1815, Oliver Ashley was a member in good standing of the Baptist Church of Christ in Hadley." It is thought that he soon after returned to Sheffield.

His eldest son had settled in Tallmadge, Ohio, and, after his marriage in 1820, he sent for his parents and sisters to come there and live with him. They joined him there in the fall of 1821, and continued to reside with him the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Ashley was engaged to some extent in farming, but defective eyesight prevented close attention to any business. "He was a gentle, kindly man, ever thoughtful of the comfort of others."

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

107. i. ANSON, b. 27 Mar. 1795.

108. ii. ANDRUS, b. 30 Sept. 1796.

iii. MAJOR NOBLE, b. 3 Mar. 1798 ; lived a few years in Tallmadge, Ohio, but left there when a young man, and is remembered by the children of his brothers as a man in poor circumstances. He finally sent word to his relatives that he had

* Records furnished by their granddaughter Mrs. Urania D. (Ashley) Seward of Tallmadge.

joined the Mormons, and since then they have heard nothing of him.*

iv. ABIGAIL, b. 11 Oct. 1799; m. 1847, Dr. Francis D. Guellon of Tallmadge.

v. ELIZABETH, b. 20 Aug. 1805; was an invalid, and d. 6 Feb. 1837 in Tallmadge, unmarried.

59. DAVID ASHLEY (*David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 September 1764 in Pittsfield, Mass.; died about 1845 in Grafton, Ohio; published intention of marriage in January 1789 in Pittsfield with OLIVE STEVENS of Hancock, Mass.[†] He married, 2d, 13 October 1829 in Pittsfield, SYLVIA FANNING.[‡]

David Ashley settled in Pittsfield. He came into special prominence in the summer of 1790, when the new meeting-house was in course of erection. "The frame of the building being extremely large and cumbrous, and the mechanical appliances for managing large timbers being very imperfect, it was necessary that workmen should go, at risk of life and limb, upon elevated or exposed portions of unfixed roof and tower. The essential service was performed by David Ashley and Butler Goodrich, young men of great activity, strength and courage, and it was in this that they executed those feats which were rewarded by the town and remembered by tradition."[§]

David Ashley seems to have resided in Pittsfield as late as 1816, when he removed to Grafton, about eight miles southeast of Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio. He was appointed postmaster there August 20, 1825, and held that office until July 3, 1845. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN PITTSFIELD, MASS.: ||

By first wife:

i. ARTEMESIA, b. ——— 1790; m. intent. 15 Jan. 1813, Andrew Hyde of Richmond, Mass.

*Elder F. D. Richards, Church Historian, of Salt Lake City, Utah, could find nothing about him in his records, nor did he receive any reply to an advertisement about him which he kindly inserted in the *Deseret Evening News* of Mar. 30, 1896.

† Town Clerk of Hancock failed to answer the compiler's letters.

‡ She was admitted to the Pittsfield Congregational church in 1807, and was related probably to Capt. Oramel Fanning of that place.

§ "History of Pittsfield," vol. 1, p. 442. The town voted them "3s extra pay for extraordinary services in raising the meeting-house."

|| According to Mr. Rollin H. Cook of Pittsfield.

- ii. PHEBE, b. ——— 1792; m. intent. 7 Mar. 1812, Thomas Stearns of Lee, Mass.
- iii. ELEANOR, b. ——— 1794; m. intent. 27 Apr. 1813, Enoch Hazzard of Pittsfield.
- iv. MARIA, b. ——— 1796; m. James Reeves.
- v. POLLY, b. ——— 1800; m. Grindel Rawson.
- vi. ELIZA, b. ——— 1803; m. James Waite.
- vii. SARAH, b. ——— 1805; m. Joseph? Mount.

60. LEONARD ASHLEY (*David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*), born 22* April 1768 in Pittsfield, Mass.; died 13 July 1831 in Hampton, N. Y.; married about 1793 in Pittsfield, SARAH NOBLE, daughter of David and Sarah (Taylor) Noble, born 26 January 1776 in Pittsfield; died 24 July 1837 in Brooklyn, Pa.

Leonard Ashley was a farmer and blacksmith in Pittsfield until 1797, when he removed to that part of Whitehall, Washington County, N. Y., which is now the town of Hampton. His farm was on the west bank of the Poultney River and nearly opposite the village of Fair Haven, Vt. He lived there until his death.

CHILDREN:†

- i. SARAH, b. 30 Aug. 1794; m. 22 Nov. 1815, James Johnson of Union City, Mich.
- ii. JULIA, b. 17 Dec. 1796; m. [?] 11 Dec. 1839, John Wesley Smith of Mattison, Mich.
- 109. iii. RALPH, b. 29 May 1797.
- iv. TIRZAH, b. 1 Dec. 1799; m. Gilbert Leonard of Port Republic, N. J.
- v. FANNY, b. 20 Apr. 1801; d. 13 Dec. 1813.
- 110. vi. ROLLIN TAYLOR, b. 22 Oct. 1803.
- 111. vii. LEONARD NOBLE, b. 9 Oct. 1813.

61. FOREST ASHLEY (*David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*), born 2 June 1771 in Pittsfield, Mass.; died 15 August 1856 in Mainesburgh, Pa.; married, 1st, 16 February 1794 in West Springfield, Mass., ELEANOR WILLISTON of that town, who died the following year. He married, 2d, about 1797, HARRIET WELCH, born ——— 1777 in ———, Vt.; died 22 January 1839 in Sylvania, Pa.

* By Pitts. T. Rec., 18 by fam. rec.

† The first three born in Pittsfield, Mass., the others in Hampton, N. Y.

Forest Ashley removed from Pittsfield, Mass., to Hancock, Delaware County, N. Y., about 1794. He was a carpenter by trade, but later was engaged in farming. Early in the 'twenties he removed to the vicinity of Troy, Bradford County, Pa. The last years of his life were passed at the home of his son Forest near the village of Mainesburgh in Sullivan township, Tioga County.

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.: *

By first wife:

- i. MINERVA, b. 1 Jan. 1794; † d. in infancy. ‡

CHILDREN BORN IN HANCOCK, N. Y.:

By second wife:

112. ii. ETHAN, b. ——— 1798.
 iii. PHINETTA, b. ——— 1800; m. David Husted of Covington, Pa.
 iv. REBECCA, b. 16 June 1802; m., 1st, George§ Thompson of Sullivan, Pa.; 2d, Gilbert Ayers of Granville, Pa.
 113. v. FOREST, b. 6 Apr. 1805.
 114. vi. WELCH, b. 1 June 1808.
 115. vii. FRANKLIN, b. 2 Feb. 1810.
 viii. HARRIET, b. ——— 1813; m., 1st, Asa Jackson of Sullivan; 2d, Thomas Baker of Sullivan.
 116. ix. LEONARD, b. 25 Mar. 1818.
 x. MALINA, b. 22 Apr. 1820; m. John Lëntz of Alba, Pa.

62. THOMAS ASHLEY (*Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 12 October 1757 in Westfield, Mass.; died ——— 1848 in Rochester, N. Y.;¹ married 16 January 1783 in Westfield, SARAH ENSIGN, daughter of ? Datis and Lucretia (?Stebbins) Ensign, who died about 1840 in Rochester.

"Thomas Ashley learned the trade of a shoemaker in his native town and followed it for some years. He was a minute man in the Revolution, and was called out for service on several occasions, although not enrolled in any company, as mechanics were kept at their trades and only called out at

* At least recorded there.

+ By W. Spring. T. Rec., which probably should be 1795, as her parents published their intention of marriage 29 Dec. 1793, and were married as above.

‡ According to descendants of the other children.

§ James by another account.

1 Aged 91 years, according to his great-grandson Mr. L. Seymour Ashley. Mr. Ashley lost all his family records by the burning of a storage warehouse in 1880, but was able to supply from memory what is printed concerning Thomas Ashley and his descendants.

critical times. His only uniform consisted of a belt and powder-horn. He was present at the battle of Bennington. He used to tell of being called out suddenly in the night, and going with thirty other boys to Bennington, where they arrived before the redcoats, and had a skirmish with them. He carried a flintlock musket, which he loaded with bullets made by himself out of his mother's pewter cooking utensils. He had no knapsack, but carried his bread and ham in a basket. Among his papers* was a bill (unpaid) for twenty-five pairs of shoes for General Stark's commissary, dated in 1771, and two letters written by him in 1778, one from Pamrapo and the other from Morristown, N. J. He was sent on some business to Washington's headquarters, and used to describe Washington and Hamilton. He was in New York when Washington bade farewell to his generals, and again when he was inaugurated President. I have heard him often describe these two events."†

After his marriage he settled as a farmer in Bennington, Vt., and lived there some years. He then moved to the vicinity of Troy, N. Y., and from there to the neighborhood of Utica. He removed from Oneida County to Conesus, a village about thirty miles south of Rochester, and the last years of his life were passed with his sons Simeon and Isaac in that city.

CHILDREN: ‡

- i. THOMAS, b. ——— 1784; d. in infancy.
117. ii. SIMEON, b. ——— 1786.
- iii. ENSIGN, b. ——— 1787; d. about 1868 in Rochester, N. Y., unmarried.
- iv. SARA, b. ——— 1789; m. Rev. ——— Vining of Rochester.
- v. LUMAN, b. ——— 1791; m. Eliza Morgan, and d. in Rochester.
Children: *Amanda*, a deaf mute; *William*, d. 1887 in Rochester, leaving no children; *Charles O.*, who resides in Rochester and has a family.§
- vi. LUCRETIA, b. ——— 1793; d. 1883 in Rochester, unmarried.
118. vii. ISAAC, b. 3 Dec. 1796.

* Destroyed with the other family memoranda.

† Letter from his great-grandson Mr. L. Seymour Ashley.

‡ According to a descendant, Mr. L. Seymour Ashley. The compiler had an examination made of the records of Bennington and several neighboring towns in Vermont, but no record of this family was found. The registrar of Rochester, N. Y., did not answer the compiler's letter asking him to make a search of the vital records of that city.

§ Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

62½.* ZENAS ASHLEY (*Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 July 1763 in Westfield, Mass.; died——— 18 —— in ? Conesus, N. Y.; married 12 January 1786, HANNAH SMITH, daughter of Gaius and Keziah (——) Smith, born ———— 1770 in ————, ——; died 24 May 1818 in ? Conesus, N. Y.

Zenas Ashley removed from Westfield, Mass., to New York, but descendants were unable to furnish any particulars of his life, except that he was a farmer. He is supposed to have first settled in Otsego County, and to have removed from there to Conesus, Livingston County, where his older brother also settled.

CHILDREN BORN IN [? WESTFIELD†,] MASS.:

- i. ARDELIA, b. 24 Mar. 1788; d. 29 June 1788.
- 118½. ii. ZENAS, b. 20 Sept. 1789.
- iii. GAIVS, b. 31 Mar. 1791; d. 27 Oct. 1791.
- iv. DESIRE, b. 16 May 1793; m. Thomas Slocum of ——, Pa.
- v. DIANTHA, b. 6 July 1794; d. 28 Oct. 1795.
- vi. HARVEY, b. 9 June 1795; d. 5 June 1796.

63. ROBERT MOSES ASHLEY (*Moses*³⁵, *Moses*¹⁵, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 17 August 1782 in Stockbridge, Mass.; died ———— in ————, ——; married 30 August 1810 in Lee, Mass., FICHE VAN DEUSEN of Lee.*

Robert Moses Ashley settled in Lee, Mass., and lived on the "dower farm" of his mother, which he purchased later of his brother. He was a selectman of Lee in 1817, 1818 and 1821.

CHILDREN BORN IN LEE, MASS.:

- i. GEORGE WENDELL, b. 3 May 1813.
- ii. HARRIET ELIZABETH, b. 15 Apr. 1815.
- iii. CHARLES LOWELL, b. 9 Mar. 1817.
- iv. WILLIAM HARPER, b. 1 Jan. 1820.
- v. ROBERT MOSES, b. 2 Apr. 1822.
- vi. FRANCIS MARION, b. 2 June 1824.
- vii. EGBERT DWIGHT, b. 3 Apr. 1827.*

* The records of him and his descendants were received after the manuscript had gone to press.

† Although not recorded there.

‡ The above is all that could be found in Lee records, and descendants failed to answer the compiler's letters.

64. Capt. RICHARD HENRY ASHLEY (*Moses*³⁵, *Moses*¹⁵, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 February 1787 in Stockbridge, Mass.; died 16 February 1856 in Canaan Four Corners, N. Y.; married ANN E. ROBINSON, daughter of James Robinson of New York City, formerly of Newport, R. I., who died 18 August 1857 in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 64 years.

Richard Henry Ashley was graduated at Williams College in 1808. On April 14, 1809, he was appointed from Massachusetts to West Point Military Academy, and was graduated as a cadet March 1, 1811. He was that day promoted to the United States Army as Second Lieutenant of the Regiment of Artillerists, and served at Fort Wolcott, Rhode Island, in 1811 and 1812. He served in the War of 1812 on quartermaster duty and in garrison at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I. He was Captain of Staff, Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General, April 11, 1813, and First Lieutenant of the Regiment of Artillerists May 20 to December 31, 1813, and was disbanded June 15, 1815. He was reappointed in the army with the rank of Second Lieutenant of the Fifth Infantry July 30, 1817, and served in the garrison at Detroit, Mich., 1817, and on the Canada Frontier 1817-19. He resigned from the army March 10, 1819.

He returned to Stockbridge, where he lived about three years. He inherited his mother's dower farm in Lee, and owned land in Stockbridge and West Stockbridge. He sold the latter in the fall of 1822, and soon after his brother bought the Lee farm. About this time Captain Ashley came to the town of Canaan, N. Y., seeking a position as school teacher, and was employed to teach the district school. He made his home with the Warner family in the Center. A number of the citizens formed an association and erected an academy building, of which he had free use and in which he taught until about 1840. The school soon became well known through all the country round about and in more remote parts. There were young men under his instruction from Hudson, Albany and Troy, from New York City, and from Stockbridge, Pittsfield and other towns in the Berkshires. The standard of his school was considered so high that his certificate would admit a student to any of the nearby colleges without examination.

Captain Ashley was very exacting in his requirements, and only a perfect recitation would pass. He was wont to say, "If you can't think of it, then you don't know it." He was a severe disciplinarian, lenient to the earnest student, but never to the heedless and indolent. It was his delight to teach, and he would have had no vacations or Saturday holidays of his own choice. Very many young men were educated by him to fill useful places in all the professions, and in after life realized advantage from his exactness and accuracy.

About the year 1840 Captain Ashley removed his school to Canaan Four Corners, where he continued to teach until his death. He and his wife were buried in that place. The degree of A. M. was conferred on him by Union College in 1832.*

CHILD BORN IN CANAAN, N. Y.:

- i. A child, d. in infancy.

65. THOMAS ASHLEY[†] (*Israel*³⁷, *Israel*³⁸, *David*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 March 1788 in Westfield, Mass.; died 9 February 1870 in Westfield; married 19 December 1833 in Westfield, CELESTIA DOLLY IVES, daughter of Major Matthew and Rhoda (Root) Ives, who died 25 July 1868 in Westfield, aged 61 years.

Thomas Ashley prepared for college, but a long confinement, the result of a broken leg, prevented his entering with his class, and he abandoned the idea. He settled in his native town, and resided all his life in the old Ashley homestead on the south side of Main Street, which he inherited from his father, Doctor Ashley.

Mr. Ashley never sought public office, but was a selectman in 1831. He was plain and quiet in his way of living, and had intense dislike of all affectation; and was, in fact, too practical to suit most of his neighbors. He was a studious man and was well read in the classics; he was fond, too, of a good story, and had a large fund of anecdote. During the Civil War, he drew in all the money he could and invested it in

* The compiler is indebted to one of his old scholars, Rev. Theodore S. Brown of Chatham, N. Y.

† His own family record is printed, which differs in a few dates from that of the town.

government bonds, saying that that was the best way he knew of putting an end to the struggle. Late in life he was induced to speculate in Western lands, and some of his investments turned out badly. He left quite a large estate, his holdings in Bloomington, Ill., being given by his will to his son.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. THOMAS, b. 18 Apr. 1836.
- ii. HARRIET CELESTIA, b. 24 Apr. 1839; d. 17 Mar. 1841.
- iii. SARAH HALE, b. 20 June 1841; m., 1st, 11 Sept. 1861, George R. Whitman of Chicago, Ill.; 2d, Edward Newstead Perkins and resides in Paris, France.
- iv. LUCY THORPE, b. 16 Feb. 1844; m. 25 June 1868, William J. Clark of Boston, Mass., and resides in Brookline, Mass.
- v. SUSIE CELESTE, b. 14 June 1848; m. 12 Oct. 1876, Hon. John C. White, late U. S. Secretary of Legation to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and resides in Chicago.
- vi. A son, b. 28 Feb. 1849; d. 20 Apr. 1849.
- vii. HENRY, b. 20 Aug. 1853.

Four others died unnamed soon after birth.

66. Col. JOHN ASHLEY (*John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 11 January 1767 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 22 December 1823 in Sheffield, Mass.; married early in 1786 in Sheffield, ASENATH KEYES, daughter of Robert and Azubah (——) Keyes, born 22 June 1769 in Sheffield; died 11 August 1836 in Sheffield.

John Ashley settled in his birthplace, Ashley Falls in the town of Sheffield, where he passed his life as a gentleman farmer.

He held several offices in the town, such as surveyor of highways, constable, school committeeman, etc. He was also a colonel in the Massachusetts militia. He was a great sufferer from gout and had to be lifted in his chair in and out of his carriage when he wished to drive around his farm. He died in the prime of life.*

Colonel Ashley was buried in the old cemetery in Sheffield. His gravestone is inscribed:

* Administration was granted on his estate 7 Jan. 1824 to his widow. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 4193.]

In
Memory of
COL. JOHN ASHLEY, 3RD,
who died
Dec. 22, 1823,
aged 57.

"Though I walk through the gloomy vale
Where death and all its terrors are,
My heart and hope shall never fail,
For God my Savior's with me there."

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

- 120. i. HENRY, b. 29 Jan. 1787.
- ii. LOVISA, b. 24 Nov. 1793; d. 31 Dec. 1863 in Sheffield, unmarried.
- iii. MARIA, b. 1 Jan. 1797; m. 5 July 1812, Harvey Ives of Great Barrington, Mass.
- iv. EMELINE, b. 29 May 1798; m. Dennis O'Brien of Sheffield.
- v. ELIZA, b. 1 May 1803; m. Aug. 1822, William Winship of Hartford and Salisbury, Conn.
- vi. JANE, b. 23 Dec. 1804; m. 9 May 1830, Orrin Perigo of Lisbon, Conn., and Wabasha, Minn.
- 121. vii. JOHN, b. 11 Feb. 1807.
- 122. viii. ROBERT, b. 19 June 1809.

67. Major WILLIAM ASHLEY (*John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 January 1773 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 26 April 1849 in Sheffield; married 4 January 1803 in Granby, Conn., JANE HILLYER, daughter of Judge Pliny and Jane (Pelletreau) Hillyer, born 24 August 1779 in Granby; died 10 June 1856 in Sheffield.

William Ashley was graduated at Harvard College in 1793. He settled in his birthplace, Ashley Falls in the town of Sheffield, Mass., and by his liberality and patriotic spirit he contributed largely to build up and sustain that flourishing village. His house in Ashley Falls is still standing and is just south of the present post office. It was sold in 1890 to Mr. Alonzo R. Hurlburt.

He held large estates in ancestral lands in Sheffield and his life was mainly that of a gentleman farmer, but he was also interested in milling and manufacturing, and his many operatives and dependants shared largely in his extensive means and

felt the cheering influence of his sound practical judgment. In all of his various and extended concerns he sustained a character of irreproachable integrity and uprightness. He was a justice of the peace for many years and a major in the militia.*

The following inscription to his memory is on the Ashley monument in Ashley Falls :

MAJOR WILLIAM ASHLEY

only surviving son of

GEN. JOHN AND MARY B. ASHLEY

was born Jan. 4, 1773.

He was educated at Harvard

and after his graduation in 1793

devoted himself to the care and improvement
of his large estate.

He married Jan. 4, 1803, Jane, daughter of
Judge Pliny Hillyer of Granby, Ct.

He died April 26, 1849.

He was ever distinguished by his rigid integrity
and conscientious regard to duty, by his death
the poor were deprived of a genuine friend,
the community of a valued friend,
and the Church of a sincere Christian.

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

- i. JULIA HILLYER, b. 29 Nov. 1803; m. 18 June 1821, Horatio Lane Warner, Esq., of Sheffield.
- ii. JANE PELLETREAU, b. 21 Jan. 1808; m. 20 Oct. 1830, Hon. William Gelston Bates of Westfield, Mass. In 1882 she erected the Ashley monument in Ashley Falls to the memory of her ancestors.

68. ROGER ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹¹, *James*¹⁰, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 February 1765 in Westfield, Mass.; died 14 April 1830 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; married 15 May 1788 in Fort Ann, HANNAH DEWEY, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Martindale) Dewey, born 2 November 1767 in Westfield; died 15 July 1853 in Fort Ann.

Roger Ashley, not long before his marriage, removed from

* Administration was granted on his estate 7 Aug. 1849 to his widow and son-in-law Mr. Bates. [Berks. Co. Prob. Rec., file 7328.]

his native place, Westfield, Mass., to what was then the town of Westfield in Washington County, N. Y. The village is situated on the site of old Fort Ann and since 1808 has been known by that name. Roger Ashley lived on a farm in the village. He also carried on the manufacture of whip stocks and axe helves. His homestead farm came into the possession of his son, and is still in the family.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- i. VASTIA, b. 9 July 1789; m. 1814, Andrus Weaver of Fort Ann.
- 123. ii. JAMES, b. 15 May 1791.
- iii. FANNIE, b. ——— 1793;* m. 1816, Harris Weaver of Fort Ann.
- 124. iv. JEHIEL, b. ——— 1795.
- v. HANNAH, b. ——— 1797; m. Gilbert White of Fort Ann, and Cherry Hill, Pa.
- 125. vi. JOSEPH, b. 30 July 1800.
- 126. vii. DENISON, b. 15 Apr. 1805.

69. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹¹, *James*¹⁰, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 12 April 1769 in Westfield, Mass.; died 1 February 1811 in Westfield; married, 1st, 28 October 1792 in Westhampton, Mass., SARAH POMEROY,[†] daughter of Pliny and Sarah (Allen) Pomeroy, born 3 May 1773 in Westhampton; died 5 September 1802 in Westfield. He married, 2d, 15 March 1809 in Westfield, Mrs. CLARISSA (NOBLE) DEWEY,[‡] widow of Eliab Dewey of Westfield, and daughter of Matthew and Lydia (Eager) Noble, born 13 September 1773 in Westfield; died 6 May 1832 in Westfield.

Stephen Ashley settled in his native town and was a shoemaker.[§]

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. SALLY, bapt. 6 Oct. 1793.¶
- ii. JAMES, bapt. 20 Mar. 1796; was a farmer, and died 12 Feb. 1861 in Westfield, unmarried.

* By her family record.

† Recommended from Westhampton Church to Westfield Church 3 Mar. 1793.

‡ United with Westfield Church 5 Jan. 1812.

§ Administration was granted on his estate 12 Feb. 1811.

¶ Probably the "Sally Ashley of Springfield" who published intention of marriage 30 June 1815 with "Foster Pope, a soldier stationed in Springfield."

- iii. JULIUS, bapt. 4 Aug. 1798; d. in Mar. 1824 in Westfield, unmarried.
- 127. iv. THEODORE, bapt. 25 May 1800.
- v. CLARISSA, b. 1 Apr. 1801; * m. 12 Dec. 1824, Ashia Parsons of Westfield.
- vi. A child, b. 5 Sept. 1802; d. 26 Sept. 1802.

By second wife :

- vii. EMELINE, b. 10 Jan. 1811; * m. 21† Jan. 1830, Charles Dewey of Westfield.

70. PELETIAH ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹¹), born 19 April 1771 in Westfield, Mass.; died 5* May 1840 in West Springfield, Mass.; married 1 March 1796 in West Springfield, MARY JONES, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (? Jones) Jones, born 10 February 1774 in ————; died 30 September 1852 in West Springfield.[§]

Peletiah Ashley settled in that part of West Springfield, Mass., that is known as Mittineague. He was a farmer, and also owned and ran a gristmill.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. : ||

- i. A daughter, b. 16 Jan. 1797; d. 18 Jan. 1797.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 23 Feb. 1798; m. 17 Oct. 1822, Almon Day of South Hadley, Mass.
- iii. SOPHRONIA, b. 4 Dec. 1800; d. 7 Nov. 1885 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- iv. MARY ANN, b. 27 Nov. 1802; m. 17 Aug. 1826, Luther Pierce of South Hadley Falls, Mass.
- v. LUCINA,** b. 17 Jan. 1805; m. 8 Oct. 1837, Moses Dalby of Irvington, N. Y.
- vi. EUNICE, b. 17 June 1807; m. 1 Nov. 1831.†† Benjamin C. Brainard of South Hadley,
- vii. PELETIAH, b. 21 July 1809; d. 8 Aug. 1811.
- viii. PELETIAH, b. 12 Sept. 1811; kept a grocery store in Springfield, where he d. 18 Dec. 1857,†† unmarried.

* Bapt. 16 Aug. 1812.

† By West. Ch. Rec., 18 by West. T. Rec.

‡ By W. Spring. T. Rec., 4 by gravestone.

§ Aged 72 by W. Spring. T. Rec., 78 by gravestone.

|| Record furnished by his granddaughter Miss Mary J. Brainard of South Hadley Falls, Mass.

** Wrongly given *Levina* at her marriage by W. Spring. T. Rec.

†† Wrongly given 21 Nov. 1832 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

‡‡ By Hampden Co. Prob. Rec.



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- ix. DAVID HALE, b. 21* Aug. 1814; lived in the homestead with his maiden sister, and at her death went to live with a daughter of his sister Eunice in South Deerfield, Mass., where he d. 21 July 1891, unmarried.

71. ELI ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 October 1773 in Westfield, Mass.; died 4 January 1818 in Westfield;† married 13 December 1802 in West Springfield, Mass., EUNICE ASHLEY, daughter of Lieut. David and Meribah (Gaylord) Ashley (344), born about 1777 in West Springfield; died 5 January 1853 in Westfield, aged 76 years.

Eli Ashley was engaged in farming in Westfield, Mass., his native place. His house stood on Elm Street and was built by Calvin Noble about one hundred years ago.* After Mr. Ashley's death the family continued to reside there, and his youngest son inherited it and began housekeeping there. The old house was torn down five years ago.

Mrs. Ashley united with the First Congregational Church of West Springfield in 1799, and was received into the First Congregational Church of Westfield by letter on May 8, 1803.‡

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

128. i. WILLIAM, b. 26 Jan. 1803.
 129. ii. JOSIAH DWIGHT, b. 1 Nov. 1804.
 130. iii. HENRY, b. 29 Dec. 1809.

72. Col. THOMAS WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 August 1776 in Deerfield, Mass.; died 6 January 1848 in Deerfield; married 30 September 1814 in Enfield, Mass., LYDIA FERRY CROSBY, daughter of Rev. Joshua and Lydia (Ferry) Crosby, born 11 September 1794 in Enfield; died 25 November 1861 in Deerfield.

Thomas Williams Ashley settled as a farmer on the old Ashley homestead in Deerfield, where he lived and died. He was commissioned Captain of the North company at the beginning

* By fam. rec., 22 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

† West. Ch. Rec. spells his name incorrectly *Ely*.

‡ Letter from Mr. Henry W. Ashley of Westfield.

§ Her will, dated 20 Dec. 1849, proved in Mar. 1853, mentions her three sons; "William is in prosperous circumstances." [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 22, p. 30.]

of the War of 1812, but there is no evidence that the company were in actual service. He was commissioned later colonel of a cavalry regiment in the Massachusetts militia.*

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS. :

- 131. i. JONATHAN, b. 7 May 1816.
- 132. ii. JOSHUA CROSBY, b. 18 Mar. 1818.
- iii. MARY WILLIAMS, b. 24 Mar. 1820 ; d. 5 Jan. 1842, unmarried.
- 133. iv. THOMAS WILLIAMS, b. 18 Jan. 1822.
- v. DEWITT CLINTON, b. 2 Apr. 1825 ; d. 15 Oct. 1826.
- vi. HARRIET, b. 31 Mar. 1827 ; d. 21 Dec. 1831.
- vii. ELIHU CLINTON, b. 19 Mar. 1830 ; d. 5 Jan. 1832.
- 134. viii. JOSEPH ABBOT, b. 3 Mar. 1835.

73. Dr. ROBERT WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 25 April 1782 in Deerfield, Mass. ; died 12 April 1853 in Lyons, N. Y. ; married, 1st, 24 November 1808 in Manchester, N. Y., MARY JONES, daughter of Samuel and Temperance (Sawyer) Jones, born 14 September 1786 in Goshen, N. Y. ; died 6 September 1835 in Lyons. He married, 2d, in December 1836 in Lyons, ABIGAIL BARRETT, daughter of Samuel Barrett, born 13 March 1809 in Deerfield, N. Y. ; died 20 April 1869 in Lyons.

Robert Williams Ashley adopted his father's profession, that of a physician. Removing in 1804 from Deerfield, his native place, he settled first in Manchester, then the village of Burt in the town of Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y. He made the journey on horseback. In 1808, soon after his marriage, he removed to what is now the village of Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., but was then almost a wilderness in the south end of the town of Sodus. He settled in the extreme southern part of the town, where he built the second frame house in the village, and lived to see Lyons a flourishing place.

Doctor Ashley enjoyed a large practice in Lyons and the surrounding country, and was honored and respected by all. He figured prominently in town affairs, and was Supervisor of the town and held other offices. He was well educated and had a large fund of general information. He was a moral man, and temperate in all things, always living according to

* Letter from his grandson Mr. Charles H. Ashley of Deerfield.



Robert W. Ashley.

his early Puritan training, and teaching the same strict principles to his children. It is to be regretted that shortly before his death Doctor Ashley destroyed all of his family records, some of which undoubtedly would have proved a valuable addition to this volume.

CHILDREN BORN IN LYONS, N. Y. :

By first wife :

- 135. i. ELIHU, b. 11 Nov. 1809.
- 136. ii. SAMUEL JONES, b. 13 Feb. 1811.
- 'iii. MARY WILLIAMS, b. 18 Mar. 1813 ; m. 3 Jan. 1833, Hiram Gilbert Hotchkiss of Lyons.
- 137. iv. WILLIAM FREDERICK, b. 16 Nov. 1814.
- 138. v. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 8 Oct. 1817.

By second wife :

- vi. EMILY, b. 23 Sept. 1837 ; m. 11 Sept. 1866, Dr. Oscar Cole Stout and resides in Syracuse, N. Y.
- vii. ELLA, b. 24 Apr. 1839 ; resides in Lyons, unmarried.

74. Dea. ABNER ASHLEY (*Abner*⁴⁴, *Ebenezer*²³, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 8 May 1782 in ? Sheffield, Mass. ; died 23 February 1846* in Bethany, N. Y. ; married 7 February 1808⁺ in Hubbardton, Vt., POLLY RUMSEY, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (——) Rumsey, born 15 November 1786 in Fairfield, Conn. ; died 26 April 1857 in Geneseo, N. Y., aged 70 years.*

Abner Ashley came in boyhood with his father to Hubbardton, Vt. After his marriage he moved to that part of Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y., which became a few years later the town of Bethany, of which he was one of the first settlers. He lived there the rest of his life. He was a farmer, and a deacon in the Baptist Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN BETHANY, N. Y. :

- i. EMELINE E., † b. 6 Feb. 1810 ; d. 5 Sept. 1892 in Avon, N. Y., unmarried.
- ii. FIDELIA F., † b. 12 Oct. 1812 ; m. 16 Feb. 1841, Ephraim Fitch Curtiss of Geneseo, N. Y. (See below.)
- iii. MARY M., † b. 8 July 1817 ; m. 11 Sept. 1842, Henry A. Nott and resides in Avon, N. Y.

* Gravestone in Bethany, N. Y. Three of her brothers married three of her husband's sisters.

† By fam. rec., 6 Feb. 1866 by Hub. T. Rec.

‡ Initial only.

- iv. CLARA LOUISE, b. 28 May 1824; m. 24 May 1855, Ephraim Fitch Curtiss of Geneseo, N. Y. (See above.)
 139. v. JAMES RUMSEY, b. 10 Apr. 1829.

75. Major SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ——— 1773 in Claremont, N. H.; died 10 January 1813 in Claremont;* married 29 June 1796 in Claremont, ANNA SUMNER, daughter of Col. Benjamin and Prudence (Hubbard) Sumner, born 9 March 1774 in Claremont; died 23 April 1850 in Claremont.

Samuel Ashley lived on the Ashley farm in West Claremont. He held the rank of Major in the militia and was known by that title.†

CHILD BORN IN CLAREMONT, N. H.:‡

- i. CAROLINE MARIA, b. about 1801; d. 28 Oct. 1818, aged 17 years.

76. SOLOMON WILLARD ASHLEY (*Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ——— 1774 in Claremont, N. H.; died 8 December 1845 in Claremont;§ married 11 October 1798 in Claremont, SALLY ALMIRA GOODWIN, daughter of James and Mary (Sumner) Goodwin, born 29 January 1776 in Claremont; died 7 December 1852 in Newport, N. H.

Solomon Willard Ashley settled in Lemington, Vt., where he took the oath of allegiance, probably at the time of the first town meeting, in 1796. He was chosen selectman and lister there on March 26, 1806. Returning to Claremont, N. H., he settled on the top of Green Mountain, in what was known as the "Cat Hole" district, then a flourishing part of the town, quite compact with dwellings and containing a school of about forty scholars. The first school was taught in the house of Peter Wakefield, the next in Mr. Ashley's house, and then a schoolhouse was erected on the line between Claremont and Newport. Mr. Ashley practiced law in his younger days, but his later years were passed on his farm in Claremont.

* "Aged 39 years" by his gravestone.

† On the settlement of his estate his widow had all his property. [Keene (N. H.) Prob. Rec.]

‡ Supposed to be his as she is buried next him.

§ "Aged 71 years" by his gravestone.

CHILDREN BORN IN LEMINGTON, VT.*

- 140. i. JAMES GOODWIN, b. 1 Nov. 1803.
- ii. FRANCES, b. about 1806; d. in infancy.
- iii. JOHN, b. 24 Mar. 1808; d. 4 Oct. 1819.

77. CHARLES ASHLEY (*Samuel*⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born ——— 1782 in Claremont, N. H.; died 30 March 1848 in Waterloo, Wis.; married about 1802 in Claremont, ROCCENA GOSS, daughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Gould) Goss, born 11 February 1784 in Claremont; died 9 November 1861 in Waterloo.

Charles Ashley took the oath of allegiance at Lemington, Vt., probably at the first town meeting, in 1796. After his marriage he settled in Danville, Vt., where he lived until 1811, when he returned to Claremont, N. H., his birthplace. In the spring of 1818 he removed to Springville, Susquehanna County, Pa. He lived there until his removal to Waterloo, Grant County, Wis., a few years before his death. His occupation was farming. He held a number of town offices at different times during his life.

CHILDREN †

- 141. i. NATHANIEL, b. ——— 1803.
- ii. LYDIA, b. 25 June 1805; m. Sept. 1831, Daniel Raymond Burt of Waterloo, Wis.
- 142. iii. CHARLES, b. 2 June 1807.
- iv. ROCCENA, b. ——— 1809; m. 1834, Jeremiah E. Dodge of Waterloo.
- 143. v. OLIVER, b. 2 Jan. 1811.
- 144. vi. SAMUEL, b. 18 June 1813.
- 145. vii. LUCIUS, b. 7 May 1815.
- viii. CAROLINE JONES, b. 10 Apr. 1817; m. 10 Apr. 1838, James I. Blakeslee and resides in Mauch Chunk, Pa.
- 146. ix. WILLIAM DRINKER, b. 5 May 1819.
- x. RACHEL MATILDA, b. 4 July 1822; m. 1843, Jeremiah E. Dodge (above) and resides in St. Paul, Minn.‡

78. Judge HENRY ASHLEY (*Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born 10 February 1778 in Win-

* By fam. rec., but not on record there.

† The first five born in Danville, Vt., the next three in Claremont, N. H., the other two in Springville, Pa.

‡ Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

chester, N. H.; died 14 February 1829 in Catskill, N. Y.; married, 1st, 28 January 1806 in ? Charlemont, Mass., SYLVIA HAWKS of Charlemont; born 1 May 1780 in ? Charlemont; died 16 September 1814 in Whitestown, N. Y. He married, 2d, 14 December 1817 in Catskill, SUSAN HAIGHT VAN VOORHIS, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Haight) Van Voorhis, born 24 March 1794 in Fishkill, N. Y.; died 7 September 1875 at the residence of her youngest son in Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Henry Ashley came from New Hampshire to Catskill, N. Y., and engaged in the leather business in partnership with his brother Oliver, under the firm name of H. & O. P. Ashley. They owned and conducted a tannery and leather store in Catskill for many years.

Mr. Ashley was held always in high esteem for his intelligence, honesty, and spotless character. He was elected a Member of Congress from the district embracing Delaware and Greene counties in 1825, 1826 and 1827, and Judge of Greene County in 1826.

CHILDREN BORN IN CATSKILL, N. Y.:

By second wife:

- 147. i. HENRY, b. 19 Mar. 1819.
- 148. ii. GEORGE, b. 2 Nov. 1820.
- 149. iii. CLARENCE, b. 24 July 1824.
- iv. CHARLES, b. 26 Apr. 1826; d. 27 Nov. 1826.
- 150. v. CHARLES, b. 19 Dec. 1827.

79. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁷⁸, *Daniel*⁷⁹, *Samuel*⁸⁰, *David*⁸¹, *Robert*⁸²), born 27 February 1781 in Winchester, N. H.; died 15 February 1853 in Fox Lake, Wis.; married 20 March 1804 in ? Alstead, N. H., HETTY COOPER, daughter of Nathaniel and Mehitabel (Drury) Cooper, born 8 March 1780 in Alstead; died 1 January 1849 in Fox Lake.

Daniel Ashley left his native State soon after his marriage and settled on a farm near the village of Whitesborough, Oneida County, N. Y. In 1817 he removed to Ontario County and settled in what is now the town of West Bloomfield, where he built a cotton mill and lived ten years, then moving to Nunda, Alleghany County. In the autumn of 1844 he made a journey to Michigan, with the intention of

buying a tract of land near Grand Rapids. A friend of his, a Mr. Barron, then living in Wisconsin, wrote to him to come and look at that part of the country. Mr. Ashley did so that winter, and, liking it so well, bought 700 acres in the town of Fox Lake, and settled there. In the spring of 1845 he was joined by his sons Daniel and Henry, and in June by his wife, youngest daughter and son Oliver. He continued to reside in Fox Lake the remainder of his life, being engaged in farming and tanning.

While a resident of Ontario County, N. Y., Mr. Ashley held the office of Side Judge, and was elected to the Assembly on the Anti-Mason ticket in 1824. He was elected to the Assembly from Alleghany County in 1830 and 1831. He was appointed postmaster at Nunda in 1841, and held that office two years.

CHILDREN :*

- 151. i. CARLOS COOPER, b. 23 Jan. 1805.
- 152. ii. DANIEL DRURY, b. 5 Aug. 1810.
- 153. iii. HENRY HAWKS, b. 23 Nov. 1811.
 - iv. SYLVIA HAWKS, b. 3 Sept. 1814; m. 9 Sept. 1835, Quartus H. Barron of Nunda, N. Y., and resides in Fox Lake, Wis.
 - v. FRANCES, b. ——— 1817; d. 18 Sept. 1852 in Fox Lake, unmarried.
- 154. vi. OLIVER, b. 21 Nov. 1821.
- 155. vii. YATES, b. 10 Sept. 1824.

80. SERAPH ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁴⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 10 March 1791 in Winchester, N. H.; died 22 August 1869 in Cohoes, N. Y.; married 19 August 1818 in Catskill, N. Y., LUCIUS DOOLITTLE, son of Benjamin and Editha (Field) Doolittle, born 13 January 1792 in Winchester; died 7 January 1875 in Cohoes.

Lucius Doolittle was a farmer in his youth. After his marriage he became a merchant in Townshend, Vt., and was in business there until his removal to Boston, Mass., early in March, 1825. In Boston he kept the City Tavern, on Brattle Street, for over twenty years, owning at one time seven lines of stages. His residence was on Pearl Street, the site being now occupied by stores. At the time of his death he was

*The first four born in Whitestown, N. Y., the others in West Bloomfield, N. Y.

engaged in farming on a place of eight acres in the outskirts of Cohoes, N. Y., on the Troy road.

Mr. Doolittle had keen business ability. He was very successful and became well off for those days. He was a man of education, and had a genial manner. He read without glasses at the age of eighty. His wife had a remarkable memory, and possessed a great faculty for business.

[*Doolittle*] CHILDREN :

- i. THEODORE,* b. 5 Oct. 1819 in Townshend, Vt.; became a broker in Boston, Mass. He served in the Mexican War as captain of a company of Massachusetts volunteers, but contracted consumption while in the army, and d. 11 Sept. 1855 in Boston. He left no children.
- 156. ii. OSSIAN,† b. 9 Apr. 1821 in Townshend.
- iii. LUCIUS, b. 4 Feb. 1823 in Townshend; d. 18 Mar. 1825 in Boston.
- 157. iv. LUCIUS,‡ b. 2 Sept. 1825 in Boston.
- v. EMMA ADELAIDE, b. 2 Oct. 1838 in Boston; m. 3 June 1853, Tristram Scammon Elden and resides in Cohoes, N. Y.

81. OLIVER PRATT ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁴⁷, *Samuel*²³, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*⁹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 25^s May 1794 in Winchester, N. H.; died 3 December 1827 in ———, Conn.; married 9 September 1819 in Catskill, N. Y., CATHERINE DUBOIS, daughter of John and Gertrude (——) Dubois, born 10 October 1797 in Catskill. She married, 2d, 18 February 1834 in Catskill, Jonathan Palen of Palenville, N. Y., one of the first tanners in that part of New York, who died 9 July 1837. She died 10 March 1842 in Nunda, N. Y.

Oliver Pratt Ashley was in the leather business with his brother Henry in Catskill, N. Y. He died while on a business trip to Connecticut.

CHILDREN BORN IN CATSKILL, N. Y. :

- i. GERTRUDE, b. 13 June 1820; m. 21 Oct. 1839, Judge Addison Moses Crane of Oakland, Cal., where she resides.
- ii. MARCIA PRATT, b. 6 Feb. 1822; m. 4 May 1842, David Becker of Middleburgh, N. Y.

* Name changed to Theodore *Ashley* 25 Mar. 1845.

† Name changed to Ossian Doolittle *Ashley* 24 Mar. 1842.

‡ Name changed to Lucius Doolittle *Ashley* 26 Apr. 1847.

§ By fam. rec. of his oldest daughter, 28 by Winch. T. Rec.

82. Capt. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*William S.*,⁴⁹ *Martin*,²⁶ *Daniel*,² *Samuel*,³ *David*,² *Robert*'), born 19 September 1789 in Hartland, Vt.; died 30 March 1879 in South Royalton, Vt.; married 5 November 1815 in Hartland, LUCINDA LISCOMB, daughter of Darius and Olive (Slader) Liscomb, born 19 September 1792 in Hartland; died 20 June 1882 at the home of her oldest daughter in Sharon, Vt.

William Ashley settled in Hartland, Vt., his native town. When Western New York and Ohio were still called "out West," he sold his farm, intending to go West, but his father told him, if he would not go, he would give him \$5,000 to buy another farm in Vermont. He took it, and bought a farm on the bank of the Connecticut River in Hartford, where he lived until the railroad from Windsor to White River Junction was run through his house. There was a large amount of timber on the farm, which the company wanted to use in the construction of the road, so he sold the farm to the railroad company, and on December 25, 1868, he bought a place in Tunbridge, Vt., and moved there about that time. A few years later he removed to South Royalton, Vt., where he resided at his death.

Captain Ashley was a veteran of the War of 1812. He was a farmer by occupation, and was well enough off to give each of his children a farm at the time of their marriage.*

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTLAND, VT.:†

- i. CLARISSA, b. 7 Sept. 1816; m. 14 Nov. 1840, Benjamin Smith of Sharon, Vt.
- 158. ii. WILLIAM AZRO, b. 10 Mar. 1820.
- iii. ELIZABETH JANNETTE, b. 3 Aug. 1824; m. 13 Mar. 1849, Charles C. Thompson of Hartland.

83. JOHN ASHLEY (*Martin*,⁵⁰ *Martin*,²⁶ *Daniel*,⁹ *Samuel*,³ *David*,² *Robert*'), born 9 July 1788 in Walpole, N. H.; died 12 June 1864 in Albion, Mich.; married 11 January 1811 in ? Mount Holly, Vt., POLLY FOSTER, daughter of Abel and Mary (Wood) Foster, born 5 August 1786 in Mount Holly; died 11 May 1843 in Wallingford, Vt.

* His will mentions his wife and grandchildren. [Woodstock (Vt.) Prob. Rec.]

† But not recorded there. The dates are from the family bible, now owned by his grandson Mr. Herbert E. Smith of Nashua, N. H.

John Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Shrewsbury, Vt., and there learned the trade of a shoemaker at an early age. After his marriage he settled in Pawlet, Vt., where he worked at his trade until 1815. In the spring of that year he came to Fair Haven, Vt., and entered the employ of Mr. Joseph Sheldon as a farmer and lived in his neighborhood. He remained there until 1834, when he went to West Haven, and from there removed in a short time to Wallingford, Vt. He continued farming there until the death of his wife, in 1843, when he returned to his old home in Shrewsbury. A year or two later he removed to Albion, Mich., where he passed the remainder of his life.

Mr. Ashley was brought up in strict Congregational teachings and was a lifelong member of that church. His military career was a short one. Early in September, 1814, in response to Governor Chittenden's call, he and a number of his friends enlisted as recruits and started for Plattsburg. They had marched as far as Rutland, when news came that the battle was over. This ended his military service.*

CHILDREN †

- i. MARY, b. 4 July 1813; m. 1 Sept. 1847 in Canaan, N. Y., Marshall F. Foster of Springfield, Mass., and Albion, Mich.
- ii. CAROLINE, b. 26 July 1815; m. 15 Mar. 1843 in Albion, William Howard of Albion.
159. iii. ZERA WRIGHT, b. 25 Apr. 1817.
- iv. HARRIET NEWELL, b. 23 Jan. 1819; m. 16 Mar. 1842 in Lowell, Mass., Joseph Osgood Hall of Elgin, Ill., and resides in Chelsea, Mass.
- v. GRATA MIRIAM, b. 29 July 1821; m. 13 Oct. 1845 in West Haven, Vt., Samuel Boardman of West Rutland, Vt.
160. vi. LUCIUS FOSTER, b. 6 Sept. 1824.
- vii. ADDISON, b. 19 June 1826; d. in Jan. 1841 in Wallingford, Vt.
161. viii. JOHN TYLER, b. 4 June 1828.
- ix. LUCY ASENATH, b. 4 July 1831; d. in Jan. 1841.
162. x. WILLARD HUDSON, b. 7 June 1834.

84. HIRAM ASHLEY (*Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 May 1801 in Pawlet, Vt.; died 15

* The foregoing sketch was furnished by his youngest son, correcting the "History of Fair Haven, Vt."

† The first born in Pawlet, Vt., the last in West Haven, Vt., the others in Fair Haven, Vt.

May 1865 in Nunda, N. Y.; married 16 March 1825 in Richmond, N. Y., POLLY GILBERT, daughter of Elias and Polly (Steele) Gilbert, born 27 March 1806 in Richmond; died 3 June 1878 in Detroit, Mich.

Hiram Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Richmond, N. Y. He settled there, and was engaged in farming until October, 1859, when he moved to a farm in Nunda, N. Y., where he lived the rest of his life.

While a resident of Richmond, Mr. Ashley was twice elected to the Assembly and was for nine years in succession town supervisor. He was an honest, big-hearted man, popular with his neighbors, and highly esteemed by all.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- 163. i. ELIAS SHELDON, b. 5 Apr. 1828.
- 164. ii. AUGUSTUS GILBERT, b. 15 Apr. 1831.
- iii. SOPHIA, b. 10 Sept. 1833; m. 22 Apr. 1857, Henry E. Bostwick of Detroit, Mich., and San Francisco, Cal.
- iv. MARIETTA, b. 22 Dec. 1836; m. 17 Apr. 1856, Col. Henry Ladd Carver of St. Paul, Minn.
- 165. v. HIRAM SELDEN, b. 6 Apr. 1843.
- 166. vi. EDWARD HORACE, b. 2 Nov. 1846.

85. NOAH ASHLEY (*Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 24 August 1806 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 8 May 1887 in Richmond; married 3 June 1832 in Cortland, N. Y., MINERVA TISDALE, daughter of Leonard and Sally (Hicks) Tisdale, born 21 August 1807 in Blodgett Mills, N. Y.; died 3 April 1884 in Richmond.

Noah Ashley inherited his father's homestead in Richmond, N. Y., where he was engaged in farming all his life. He was overseer of the poor for more than twenty years, and was a deacon in the Congregational church for about the same period of time.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. ALMIRA JANE, b. 28 Apr. 1833; m. 13 Oct. 1852, Thomas Henry Stringham of Des Moines, Iowa.
- ii. MARY EVELINE, b. 2 Nov. 1834; m. 30 Jan. 1854, John A. Reed of Richmond Mills, N. Y.
- 167. iii. CLINTON SHELDON, b. 21 Oct. 1836.
- iv. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 7 Oct. 1838; d. 23 Dec. 1839.

- 168. v. NOAH TISDALE, b. 2 Oct. 1840.
- 169. vi. FRANCIS ALONZO, b. 3 Oct. 1842.
- 170. vii. FREDERICK LEONARD, b. 25 Mar. 1845.
- viii. ELLEN MINERVA, b. 16 Apr. 1847; m. 29 Jan. 1874, John P. Ray of Hemlock Lake, N. Y.
- ix. AUGUSTA VERNETTE, b. 1 Nov. 1851; d. 16 Aug. 1867.

86. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Noah⁵¹, William²⁵, Aaron¹¹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 5 January 1809 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 6 August 1890 in Richmond; married 9 October 1834 in Sheffield, Mass., JULIET BOSWORTH, daughter of Jared and Lucy (Hubbard) Bosworth, born 20 September 1813 in Salisbury, Conn.; resides in Richmond.

William Ashley settled in his native place, the town of Richmond, N. Y., where he became a large land owner and prosperous farmer. He was a strong and faithful member of the Congregational church in Richmond. While he was a modest and retiring man, he was always ready to do what he thought was his duty. His life was characterized by simplicity and modesty in the community, and by gentleness and kindness in his family; and he was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors for his absolute integrity and uprightness.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. NOAH HUBBARD, b. 28 Nov. 1835; is a farmer and resides in Richmond, unmarried.
- 171. ii. GEORGE, b. 6 July 1838.
- iii. PAMELA BOSWORTH, b. 17 Oct. 1840; resides in Richmond, unmarried.
- iv. MARY JANE, b. 28 Jan. 1843; d. 25 Jan. 1865, unmarried.
- v. WILLIAM ROBERT, b. 18 Nov. 1845; d. 4 Mar. 1853.
- vi. LUCY OPHELIA, b. 27 Dec. 1848; d. 20 Feb. 1883, unmarried.
- 172. vii. ALBERT, } twins.
- viii. ALTA, } b. 12 Oct. 1850; d. 24 Apr. 1864.

87. ALANSON SHELDON ASHLEY (*William⁵², William²⁵, Aaron¹¹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 30 October 1806 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 18 April 1882 in Ordway, S. Dak.; married 8 October 1829 in Lima, N. Y., PERSIS POND, daughter of Darius and Persia (——) Pond, born 14 February 1807 in Alstead, N. H.; died 15 May 1893 in Groton, S. Dak.

Alanson Sheldon Ashley was a farmer by occupation. After his marriage he settled in his native town, and lived there about ten years, then moving to Middlebury, Wyoming County, N. Y. In the spring of 1844 he went to Kent County, Michigan, and bought 640 acres of land in the southwest corner of Oakfield township, so named by him, bringing his family out there that fall. The country round-about was an unbroken wilderness, and his land was covered with a heavy growth of oak and hickory, which he cleared, and kept forty acres under cultivation. He lived there until 1857, when, giving this farm to his two oldest sons, he moved across the road, and as it happened the town line, into Grattan township. The place where he settled is now one of the finest farming districts in that part of Michigan. Here he made a new home, and lived for twenty-five years, until his removal to Dakota in 1881.

When the tide of emigration set from Michigan to Dakota, Mr. Ashley concluded to try his fortunes in that new Territory, intending, although seventy-five years of age, to help develop and build up the country, as he had done in Michigan. He was taken ill, however, soon after reaching Dakota, and died in April of the following year; his wish being granted, that his life should not end in a lingering sickness.

The leading characteristics of Mr. Ashley were a strong constitution, an indomitable will, and great kindness of heart. The poor always found in him a helping friend, as many now living can testify. He was converted at the age of twenty-five and united with the Baptist church in Richmond, N. Y., in October, 1831. He next belonged to the Baptist church in Middlebury, N. Y. After removing to Michigan, he united with the Baptist church in Otiseo, five miles distant from his home. After a few years, a church was organized in his neighborhood, the First Baptist Church of Oakfield, of which he was considered the founder, and he contributed largely toward the erection of the church edifice in 1863. It was often called the Ashley Church in his honor, and now stands as a monument to his Christian zeal and love to mankind.

"Mr. Ashley was strongly attached to the ordinances of his church. Never seeming discouraged, he worked with untiring and fervent devotion for the Master's cause, and his great,

loving heart reached out to all his fellow beings, and he fain would have brought them all into the fold. His oft-repeated prayers, his timely words, his noble deeds are all written in the recording angel's book of life, and, although his lips are silent, he yet speaketh. He was successful in all the walks of life, and was a most affectionate husband, father, neighbor, and friend."

CHILDREN (EXCEPT IV) BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. JOHN, b. 26 Aug. 1830; is a farmer in Belding, Mich.*
- 173. ii. GEORGE, b. 30 Apr. 1832.
- iii. CHARLES, b. 20 Sept. 1834; is a farmer in Columbia, S. Dak.*
- iv. JANE, b. 25 Oct. 1840 in Canadice, N. Y.; m. 15 Mar. 1871.
Francis David Adams and resides in Groton, S. Dak.

88. ABNER ASHLEY (*William*³², *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 December 1821 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 8 January 1881 in Greenville, Mich.; married 9 October 1846 in Grattan, Mich., ROXANA KING, daughter of Anthony King. She married, 2d, Harvey D. Pond of Oakfield, Mich., and resides in Howard City, Mich.*

Abner Ashley in the spring of 1847 accompanied his father to Oakfield, Kent County, Mich., where he settled as a farmer. He continued to live there until a few years before his death, which occurred in Greenville, Montcalm County.

CHILDREN BORN IN OAKFIELD, MICH.:

- i. FRANK, b. ——— 1849; } are merchants in Howard City,
- ii. FRED, b. ——— 1853; } Mich *

89. NOAH R.[‡] ASHLEY (*William*³², *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 1 July 1824 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Claremont, S. Dak.; married 21 October 1846 in Grattan, Mich., SARAH JANE MARVIN, daughter Calvin and Alice Mather (Ransom) Marvin, born 28 March 1826 in Troy, Mich.

Noah R. Ashley is a farmer in Claremont, S. Dak.[§]

NO CHILDREN.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

+ Failed to answer the compiler's letters.—Family record furnished by Mr. William Ashley (90).

‡ Initial only.

§ Failed to send his autobiography.

90. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*William*⁵², *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 August 1829 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Stemly, Ala.; married 1 November 1855 in Grand Rapids, Mich., MARY VIRGINIA SQUIER, daughter of John Wickliff and Mary (Lawrence) Squier, born 24 March 1835 in Penn Yan, N. Y.

William Ashley at the age of eighteen accompanied his father to Michigan. He is a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar September 23, 1853. He began practice in Canandaigua, N. Y., but in 1855 returned to Michigan and located in Grand Rapids, where he continued in practice until 1882. He was entirely occupied with patent practice in the United States Courts for the thirteen years preceding 1880, and during that time had nearly four hundred cases in the districts of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Colorado. The climate of Michigan did not agree with him, and in 1882 he ceased practice there and removed to the mountains of Alabama.

In October, 1895, Mr. Ashley became manager of the Tonawanda Tripoli Company, which had purchased 175 acres near Stemly, Talladega County, Ala. Under his management the mines have been successfully worked and the product forwarded to the company's extensive factory at Tonawanda, N. Y. Tripoli is used for polishing purposes, but is used mainly by the company in the manufacture of their "Rosetta Soap," a household article possessing great scouring and polishing properties. Mr. Ashley is constantly adding improvements at the mines, and so great confidence has the company in his judgment that he is trusted absolutely in all matters and is supplied each week with funds to meet all obligations. Mr. Ashley has built a residence near the mines and resides there at present.

CHILDREN BORN IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. :

- i. MARY VIRGINIA, b. 1 Sept. 1862.
- ii. JOHN, b. 7 Apr. 1863; d. 20 Dec. 1865.
- iii. ANNA MAUD, b. 1 Aug. 1864.
- iv. LAWRENCE SHELDON, b. 8 Aug. 1875.
- v. CLARENCE GRINNELL, b. 2 Apr. 1875.

91. HON. CHESTER ASHLEY (*William*⁶³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 1 June 1791* in Amherst, Mass., died 29 April 1848 in Washington, D. C.; married 4 July 1821 in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., MARY WORTHINGTON WATKINS ELLIOTT, daughter of Dr. Benjamin[†] and Frances (Panea) Elliott, born in March 1798 just across the James River from Richmond, Va.; died 25 May 1865 in Little Rock, Ark.

Chester Ashley passed his boyhood at his father's home in Hudson, N. Y. He pursued a course of study there, and entered the Sophomore class in Williams College in 1810. He held a respectable position as a scholar, and had one of the first appointments at his graduation in 1813. The following year[‡] he read law in the celebrated school of Judges Reeve and Gould in Litchfield, Conn., and then returned to Hudson, where he completed his legal studies in the office of Hon. Elisha Williams and was admitted to the bar.

§ "At the age of twenty-seven he went to the West to seek his fortune, and opened a law office in Edwardsville, Ill., where he remained about two years in the practice of his profession. In 1819 he changed his location to the territory of Missouri. Here he came in contact with the celebrated William Russell, the greatest land speculator in the western country, who recognized the abilities of the young lawyer, who argued and gained an important land suit for his adversary. Russell had very large landed interests in the Territory of Arkansas and elsewhere, and wanted those interests represented and protected by the best talent he could command. This led to the relation of client and attorney between him and Mr. Ashley, and to the latter's removal to Little Rock in 1820."

"Mr. Ashley was soon engaged in most of the important land litigation in the Territory, and was acknowledged by common consent to be the ablest lawyer in the jurisdiction, and this at a period when Arkansas was represented by an able bar."

* By his own family bible.

† Of the Killingworth, Conn., family and a descendant of John Eliot, the celebrated apostle to the Indians.

‡ It must be that he was the Chester Ashley (residence not stated) who served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Spencer Lyon's company from Aug. 9 to Aug. 23, 1814. [See "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of 1812."]

§ The compiler is indebted to "Biographical and Pictorial History of Arkansas."

“Robert Crittenden, who had come in 1819 as secretary of the Territory by appointment from President Monroe, was a brilliant orator, and intensely ambitious; and mutual admiration and professional interests soon united him and Mr. Ashley in the business relation of law partners. This relation was destined to be of short duration, however. Crittenden soon became absorbed in the exciting politics of the day, and nursed his ambition for office with an idolatry that admitted of little restraint within the limits of perfect probity. Ashley had the same lofty ambition, but he held it in perfect subjection at this stage of his career. He was methodical, laborious and patient in the minutest detail of every undertaking. Necessity had taught him her inexorable laws, her imperious restraint; and prudence and wisdom had placed their seal on his nature and made him perfect master of his passions. In the beginning he subordinated his inclination for office, that his talents might be employed in the acquisition of pecuniary resources necessary to support the flight marked out by his ambition. Crittenden cared nothing for wealth and underestimated its efficiency as a factor in promoting his ambition. Talent leading to and expanding in such opposite directions was too frail a bond of union to continue this business relation long. Crittenden became an ardent, impulsive Whig; Ashley a cool, patient, wary, self-possessed Democrat. Crittenden was led by the fiery eloquence and impetuosity of his own dauntless nature; Ashley by the greater brain power and the cool precision of mathematical calculation from which nothing ever impelled him to deviate. The distinguishing traits in the character of the two men are powerful factors in their respective spheres, but the ends they promote are widely different; the one flashes like a meteoric apparition and is seen no more; the other leisurely ascends to the meridian and burns with the fixed steadiness of the sun.”

“Colonel Ashley was a skillful gladiator in the forensic arena. Often when his adversary thought he had him crippled beyond recovery he would, with the greatest facility, seize on some unguarded point and drive him to dismay and defeat. His intellect was of massive and well balanced proportions, and it shone with equal splendor in the social circle, the council, the

forum or the senate. There was no aristocratic hauteur about him, but there was a lofty bearing and dignity which commanded respect in every presence. When his mind was lighted up in discussion his countenance became radiant with conscious power, and his auditory was carried along with the genius of his inspiration."

"Colonel Ashley was the acknowledged head of the bar as long as he remained in active practice. He was always an active Democratic politician, but he never left the ranks to seek or accept office until he had accomplished all his professional ambition had marked out in early life, and then he sprang from the ranks into the Senate of the United States, without filling any intermediate station. Few men have ever so long held the reins of party in hand whilst serving in the ranks. None but a great genius can do it. The active opposition always held him responsible for the acts of the Democratic party. He was the power behind the throne that directed all of its movements. In the twenty-five years preceding the close of his professional career, in 1844, he had achieved fortune and fame. His fame crossed the boundaries of his adopted State and echoed, not only throughout his native New England, where his name with that of many other of her pilgrim sons is blessed, but it compassed the United States."

"To the great political contest of 1844 he devoted his masterly energies in the field as a Democratic elector for the State at large and canvassed the entire State. The Whig party matched him with Alfred W. Arrington, who was not inferior as an orator to any man known to our history. But Arrington did not follow him long. He quit the canvass and left the State, assigning as a reason for it that Colonel Ashley's masterly discussion and unanswerable argument on the tariff issue convinced him that the Whig party was wrong. This was the tribute of genius to transcendent talent under very extraordinary circumstances. And it was not the only compliment paid to his abilities by great opponents under similar circumstances. After Arrington abandoned the contest the Whig party was sorely pressed for men to meet him on the stump."

"The amiable and estimable Fulton died in August, 1844, leaving two years of his senatorial term unexpired. All eyes

were turned to Colonel Ashley as his successor, and when the legislature met in November of that year he was elected without organized opposition, and almost unanimously. He took his seat in March, 1845, with the incoming administration of President Polk. That able lawyer and accomplished scholar, George W. Dallas, Vice-President of the United States, in organizing the committees of the senate, placed the new Senator from Arkansas at the head of the Judiciary Committee. No higher position could have been assigned him."

"The new senator first addressed the Senate on the bill for the annexation of Texas. Colonel Ashley's embarrassment wore away as he advanced with his great subject, and his face lighted up with a halo which nothing can inspire and sustain but mental power. A greater theme than the annexation of a kindred empire could scarcely engage the attention of a statesman. The matchless reasoning of the profound lawyer was then tributary and subsidiary to the higher compass of the statesman's comprehensive grasp."

"In 1846 there was strongly organized opposition to his reelection to the Senate, which involved a protracted and exciting contest. For his success in that instance he was not less indebted to his own strong will, his habits of industry, his energy and admitted ability, than to the ardent devotion of friends."

"Colonel Ashley continued chairman of the Judiciary Committee until his death, which occurred after an illness of six days, at his apartments in the National Hotel in Washington, his wife, daughter and youngest son being at his side. Mr. White of New York and Robert W. Johnson of Arkansas pronounced eloquent funeral orations in the House, and Solon Borland, the successor of Sevier, and Sidney Breese of Illinois performed the same office in the Senate."*

"Knowing him as I did, Mr. President, I may be permitted to say that to every task to which he was called, he brought to its accomplishment untiring industry, great research, and an unflagging zeal seldom surpassed. His talents were of no common order, and he was never found unprepared upon any subject committed to his charge; and with six years service still before him, who knows to what high honors he might

*The compiler is indebted to "Biographical and Pictorial History of Arkansas."

have attained? The character of his mind was investigating; and, aided by a pleasing manner, always courteous and sometimes energetic, he was enabled to make his views well understood by the Senate and to produce a marked effect upon its deliberations. As a public man, sir, he was valuable, and gave certain promise of great usefulness and high distinction.

In his disposition, the deceased was eminently social, his suavity of manner—his unruffled temper—his freedom from irritation by all those little annoyances that disturb the pathway of our lives, was a subject of common remark to those who were intimately associated with him. But it was in the family circle he shone most conspicuous, as a husband—as a father—as one connected with those delicate relations of life in which humanity is exhibited in its most captivating form. In all of these, sir, he was a model and an example, lavishing all the tenderness of his nature upon those dear objects of his love, who returned it with the most sincere and devoted affection, and to whom it was permitted to receive his last sigh at that dread moment which must come upon us all. How terrible is this blow to them, who but a few days ago were all joy and gladness, now sobbing in anguish over his inanimate remains, conscious—painfully conscious—they are never more to feel the pulsations of that heart which beat alone in love for them; and as they take their lonely way back to their home, how agonizing will be the thought that they have parted forever with the idol of their hearts—their protector—their father—their dearest friend—and that his place at their once happy board is to be vacant forever!”*

“He was no common man. The god of nature lavished on him a profusion of gifts. To a personal appearance peculiarly dignified and commanding was superadded an intellect of the very highest order, capable of vast comprehensions, and the most minute and accurate analysis, trained by a thorough course of classical and legal study, to which may be added manners the most gentle, and conversational powers the most fascinating. It was not left optional with such a man as to whether he would become a popular leader or not. It could not be otherwise. During the long period of our intimate acquaintance I never heard from him a harsh word, or saw him with ruffled temper. If one great trait was more conspicuous in his nature than all others it was found in the hallowed endearments of the domestic relations, where it shone with a devotion rarely equaled, never surpassed.”†

“Woodruff and Ashley sustained and ennobled the relation of Damon and Pythias for twenty-eight years. During that long transition period when Arkansas was struggling and gradually rising up out of the baneful influences which shadowed her early history and wrote many of its pages in blood, these two men, with many other noble coadjutors, struggled with Spartan firmness to advance the highest interests of the people. In that great labor they became historic characters, and their fame is the State’s heritage. Will the generous and noble Arkansas

* Mr. Breese’s Address to the Senate on May 1, 1848.

† Funeral Discourse by Rev. J. W. Moore.

of to-day, who owes so much to these, her sons, build a monument to them worthy of their achievements for her civilization and fame? Their names ought to be written on the dome of her Pantheon. Poor indeed must be the State which, to save a few dollars, will deny an appropriation to honor the sons who made her great. It would cost but little to place a statue of each of these men in the capitol grounds."*

"My grandfather was a man of tall, commanding appearance, with a fine large head, and magnificent presence. When he was a member of the Senate, N. P. Willis said of him, 'that he was the handsomest man in the Senate, perhaps in the world.' A great deal of that effect was produced by his *tout ensemble*, height, bearing and manners. He was quite near-sighted, and the light necessary to taking a picture in those days gave his eyes an unnaturally contracted appearance, consequently there is no portrait which gives a correct idea of him."†

"On the south side of Markham Street, and standing back some distance from the street, was a very large two-story brick mansion, built after the colonial style of architecture, with high brick columns supporting the long portico which extended the full length of the building from east to west. This splendid residence, with its trimly kept gardens, its conservatories and hot-houses; its servants quarters, stables, carriage-houses and other buildings, which occupied the entire block between Markham and Cherry (2nd) Streets, and Scott and Cumberland Streets, at once marked its owner, Col. Chester Ashley, as a man of wealth and elegance. This old time seat of refinement and hospitality has witnessed the evolution from village to town, and from town to city. During the occupation of the town by the Federal forces in 1863, it became the headquarters of the commanding general, and was in turn used for real estate offices, telegraph offices and various other purposes. During Territorial times, and the early days of the States, this old manor house was the political mecca of pilgrims of the Democratic faith, who sought wisdom and guidance at the feet of the owner of the house."

CHILDREN BORN IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK.:

174. i. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, b. 6 Aug. 1823.
- ii. FRANCES ANN, b. 3 Jan. 1825; m. 4 Dec. 1850, Rev. Andrew Freeman of Little Rock.
- iii. MARY VAN ALSTYNE, b. 13 Oct. 1826; d. 24 Apr. 1828.
- iv. CHESTER POMEROY, b. 26 June 1828; d. 12 Aug. 1836.
175. v. HENRY CHARLES, b. 7 Mar. 1831.
- vi. MARY VAN ALSTYNE, b. 20 Feb. 1833; d. 30 Sept. 1834.

92. ELISHA POMEROY ASHLEY (*William*⁵³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born about 1793 in ? Amherst, Mass.; died ——— 184— near Little Rock, Ark.; married ——— 1817 in ? Hudson, N. Y., CATHERINE OSTERHOUT.

* "Bench and Bar of Arkansas."

† Letter from his granddaughter Mrs. Fannie Ashley Gray (No. 174, iv.)

Elisha Pomeroy Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Hudson, N. Y. After his marriage he lived a year or two in Amsterdam, N. Y., and then returned to Hudson. About 1825 he followed his brother Chester to Little Rock, Ark., and settled on a plantation about twelve miles outside that city, where he lived the rest of his life.

CHILDREN :

- i. LAURIETTE, b. — Oct. 1818 in Amsterdam, N. Y. ; resides in Little Rock, Ark., unmarried.*
- 176. ii. WILLIAM, b. 30 Nov. 1820 in Hudson, N. Y.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. — 1823 ; resides in Madding, Ark.†

93. JOHN LANSING ASHLEY (*Stephen*⁵⁴, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 22 January 1803 in Albany, N. Y. ; died 4 November 1864 in North Fairfield, Ohio ; married ABIGAIL CHERRY of North Fairfield, where she died.

John Lansing Ashley came in boyhood with his parents from Leverett, Mass., to North Fairfield, Ohio. He settled in that place, and was engaged in farming there and in Olena, Ohio, the rest of his life. He inherited his father's farm in North Fairfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN NORTH FAIRFIELD, OHIO :

- i. DIANTHA, m. — Eaton.
- ii. ADELAIDE, m. — Jennings.
- iii. MARTHA.

94. STEPHEN URIAL ASHLEY (*Stephen*⁵⁴, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 17 December 1814 in Leverett, Mass. ; died 23 March 1896 in Bowling Green, Ohio ; married 1 January 1840 in Hartland, Ohio, LYDIA MARSHALL, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Tucker) Marshall, born 6 April 1820 in Genoa, Ohio ; died 11 March 1862 in Bowling Green.

Stephen Urial Ashley came with his parents in 1819 from Leverett, Mass., to Huron County, Ohio. He settled there, and lived first in Norwalk and later in Townsend township until 1855, when he removed with his family to a farm four miles north of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio. After

* She is unable to add to this record of her father's family.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

the death of his wife, in 1862, he made his home with his daughter Mrs. Matthews and her husband, and in 1887 removed with them to Bowling Green village, where he recently died.

Mr. Ashley was a farmer, and was one of the oldest and most respected residents of that locality. He was brought up and baptized a Presbyterian, but died a Spiritualist. He was considered to be a true and noble man. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Holland.

CHILDREN :

- i. SARAH JANE, b. 23 Jan. 1843 in Florence, Huron Co., Ohio; m. 14 Dec. 1858, James Ransom Moore of Bowling Green, Ohio.
- 177. ii. HENRY EVANDER, b. 10 Sept. 1844 in Norwalk, Ohio.
- iii. LAURA ANN, b. 23 May 1847 in Norwalk; m. 3 July 1868, Charles E. Matthews and resides in Bowling Green.
- iv. ALICE EMELINE, b. 28 Nov. 1854 in Townsend, Huron Co., Ohio; m. 9 Nov. 1875, Wallace B. Bernthisel of Haskins, Ohio.
- 178. v. STEPHEN URIAL, b. 13 Mar. 1860 in Bowling Green.

95. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Joseph⁵⁰, Stephen³⁰, Joseph¹², Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 9 July 1811 in Leverett, Mass.; died 29 December 1864 in Amherst, Mass.; married 4 December 1839 in Amherst, TIRZAH SMITH, daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Brooks) Smith, born 10 October 1820 in Whitingham, Vt. She married, 2d, 9 August 1871 in Amherst, David Brownell Durfee of Agawam, Mass., born 30 October 1809 in Brimfield, Mass. He died 10 November 1893 in Agawam. She resides in Springfield, Mass.

William Ashley was a farmer in Amherst, Mass.

NO CHILDREN.

96. JOHN VAN ALSTYNE ASHLEY (*Joseph⁵⁰, Stephen³⁰, Joseph¹², Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 30 May 1813 in Leverett, Mass.; died 18 June 1885 in Convis, Mich.; married 15 February 1838 in Syracuse, N. Y., CHARLOTTE ELLSWORTH, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Donaldson) Ellsworth, born 19 June 1817 in Manlius, N. Y.; resides with her children in Battle Creek, Mich.

John Van Alstyne Ashley learned the trade of a shoemaker. After his marriage he lived in Fayetteville, N. Y., until the summer of 1842, when he emigrated to Marshall,

Calhoun County, Mich. About 1856, up to which time he had followed his trade, he bought eighty acres of wild land in Convis township, six miles northwest of Marshall, built a log house and began clearing his land. A few years later he sold forty acres, and made gardening his business, which he followed until his death.

CHILDREN : *

- i. HENRY JOHN, b. 5 May 1840 ; settled as a farmer near South Bend, Ind. He was a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted and was mustered at South Bend, Aug. 15, 1862, into Company K, Eighty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He was wounded in the left knee in the battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863, and taken prisoner. He lived on parched corn and water gruel for eight days, without his wound being dressed, when there was an exchange of prisoners. It was found necessary to amputate his leg, but he survived the operation only a few days, and d. 21 Oct. 1863. He was unmarried.
- ii. MARY FRANCES, b. 15 May 1842 ; m. 11 Apr. 1861, George Demott and resides in Battle Creek, Mich.
- 179. iii. SEYMOUR LEWIS, b. 26 Oct. 1847.
- iv. SARAH, b. 5 May 1851 ; m. 4 Mar. 1872, Amos Latta and resides in Lowell, Mich.
- 180. v. ADELBERT, b. 5 Sept. 1852.
- vi. IDA, b. 4 Oct. 1856 ; m. 30 Nov. 1875, Earl Percival and resides in Battle Creek.

97. MARVIN WEEKS ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 September 1815 in Leverett, Mass. ; died 29 April 1888 in Leverett ; married 6 October 1842 in Barre, Mass., MARY SMITH, daughter of David and Ruth (Weeks) Smith, born 29 October 1814 in Barre ; died 9 May 1887 in Leverett.

Marvin Weeks Ashley was a farmer in his native place. He inherited his father's farm, but sold it in a few years and moved to the farm now owned by Mr. Oscar Williams.

CHILDREN BORN IN LEVERETT, MASS. :

- 181. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 16 Feb. 1844.
- ii. SOPHRONIA JANE, b. 23 Aug. 1850 ; resides in Leverett, unmarried.
- iii. LUCY ANN, b. 2 Sept. 1852 ; m. 2 Jan. 1877, Dea. Edward P. Field and resides in Leverett.
- 182. iv. FRANK SMITH, b. 24 Sept. 1858.

* The first two born in Fayetteville, N. Y., the others in Marshall, Mich.

98. MYRON ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 October 1817 in Leverett, Mass.; resides in Spencer, Mass.; married 11 September 1844 in Leverett, SUSAN RELIEF PUTNAM, daughter of Rufus and Phebe (Lamb *née* Williams) Putnam, born 20 May 1825 in Grafton, Mass.; died 20 March 1891 in Leverett.

Myron Ashley settled as a farmer in his native town, and lived there until after the death of his wife, in 1891, when he went to reside with his daughter in Spencer, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN LEVERETT, MASS.:

- 183. i. RUFUS PUTNAM, b. 9 Nov. 1847.
- ii. CYNTHIA MARIA, b. 10 Aug. 1850; m. 9 May 1877, George Leete and resides in Spencer, Mass.
- iii. GEORGE WEEKS, b. 20 Sept. 1857; drowned in the flood at Williamsburg, Mass., 16 May 1874.

99. CHESTER ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 12 September 1821 in Leverett, Mass.; resides in Battle Creek, Mich.; married 1 May 1845 in Leverett, MARY SOPHIA MOORE, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Miles) Moore, born 13 January 1824 in Leverett; resides with her son in East Leverett, Mass.

Chester Ashley was engaged in farming and broom making in Leverett until 1856, when he moved to the West. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted at Detroit, Mich., in the Union Army as a sharpshooter and served under General Potter. He is at present an inmate of the Soldiers' Home in Battle Creek, Mich.

CHILD BORN IN LEVERETT, MASS.:

- 184. i. LEWIS MOORE, b. 15 Sept. 1846.

100. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 28 March 1823 in Leverett, Mass.; died 1 August 1888 in New Salem, Mass.; married 16 November 1853 in Prescott, Mass., LOUISA JANE HERR, daughter of Philip and Harriet (Peirce) Herr, born 23 May 1831 in Pelham, Mass.; resides with her adopted daughter in South Amherst, Mass.

Stephen Ashley settled in Prescott, Mass., where he remained some years. He removed to the village of Cooleyville in New Salem, Mass., where he lived the rest of his life. He was a farmer and mechanic.

ADOPTED CHILD :

- i. EMMA AMANDA,* b. — Sept. 1858; m. Herbert Woodward and resides in South Amherst, Mass.

101. STEPHEN NOBLE ASHLEY (*Stephen*⁵⁰, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 March 1786 in Troy, N. Y.; died 26 July 1822 in Sandy Hill, N. Y.; married 9 January 1808 in Sandy Hill, ALMIRA PIERCE, daughter of John Pierce of Troy, born 27 May 1786 in Sandisfield, Mass. She married, 2d, 2 June 1825 in Troy, William Moore, Jr., and died 28 November 1870 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Stephen Noble Ashley came with his father from Troy to the village of Sandy Hill, Washington County, N. Y., and lived there the rest of his life. He is supposed to have been engaged chiefly in farming.

CHILDREN BORN IN SANDY HILL, N. Y. :

185. i. JAMES MORGAN, b. 3 Jan. 1809.
 186. ii. WILLIAM BLISS, b. 12 July 1811.
 iii. JOHN JASON, b. 29 Mar. 1814; settled in Detroit, Mich., where he was in mercantile business. He was a popular young man, and was a lieutenant in the Brady Light Guards, a prominent organization of that city. He d. 14 Sept. 1839 in Detroit, unmarried.

102. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Daniël*⁵⁷, *Oliver*⁵², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 December 1784 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 13 October 1853 in Oswego, Ill.; married, 1st, 27 February 1806 in Martinsburgh, N. Y., ROXANA PITCHER, daughter of Reuben and Martha (Barrett) Pitcher, born 7 April 1789 in ————; died 12 May 1838 in Oswego. He married, 2d, Mrs. JANE INSCHO, born 18 September 1796; died 25 May 1849 in Oswego.

* She was *Phebe Amanda Peirce*, daughter of Mrs. Laura Ann Elwell of Enfield, Mass., and she was adopted and her name changed as above 4 Dec. 1860.

Stephen Ashley accompanied his father to Martinsburgh, N. Y. After his marriage he settled in Genesee, N. Y., and lived there until 1822, when he moved to Maysville, on Chautauqua Lake, where he lived about thirteen years. In 1835 he emigrated to Kendall County, Illinois, and settled in Oswego, where he resided until his death. He was engaged in farming all his life. He was a Baptist in religion, and was highly esteemed as a good man.

CHILDREN :*

By first wife :

- i. LYDIA, b. 9 Feb. 1807 ; m. 1828, Ebenezer Morgan of Oswego, Ill.
- ii. AMANDA, b. 8 Mar. 1809 ; d. 5 Jan. 1811.
- iii. ROXANA, b. 20 May 1811 ; m. 3 May 1829, Nahum Amos Parkhurst of Oswego.†
- 187. iv. OTIS, b. 7 Aug. 1813.
- v. LODENA, b. 19 Apr. 1816 ; d. 8 May 1868 in Oswego, unmarried.
- vi. MARY, b. 22 May 1818 ; m. William L. Fowler of Oswego.
- vii. MARTHA POLINA, b. 28 June 1820 ; m. 24 Mar. 1838, Simeon Parmley Ives of Aurora, Ill., and Missoula, Mont.
- 188. viii. ALMON PITCHER, b. 16 Sept. 1822.
- ix. MALVINA, b. 2 Apr. 1825 ; m. 8 Oct. 1843, William Wesley Winn and resides in Oswego.
- x. STEPHEN, b. 22 July 1827 ; d. 25 Aug. 1827.
- xi. ALMIRA, b. 1 Oct. 1828 ; m. 28 Feb. 1852, Charles Fayette Shaver of Yorkville, Ill.
- xii. LOUISA, b. 8 Apr. 1832 ; m. George R. Schamp of Oswego.

103. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁹⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born 29 August 1792 in Fairfield, N. Y.; died 23 March 1866 in Oswego, Ill.; married, 1st, 25 March 1817 in Turin, N. Y., AMY ANN² BARNES, born 3 December 1799 in ———, ———; died 14 December 1833 in Martinsburgh, N. Y. He married, 2d, 24 May 1834 in Martinsburgh, LUCY STURTEVANT, born 21 August 1800 in Tinmouth, Vt.; died 4 August 1880 in Oswego.

Daniel Ashley came in childhood with his father to Martinsburgh, N. Y., and settled as a farmer there after his marriage. In 1835 he emigrated with other members of his family to

* The first seven born in Genesee, N. Y., the others in Mayville, N. Y.

† The compiler is indebted to her son Mr. Amos T. Parkhurst of Oswego for this family record.

‡ By a daughter of her youngest daughter, Olive by another grandchild.

Kendall County, Illinois, and settled in the town of Oswego, where he was engaged in farming for over thirty years, and up to his death.

Mr. Ashley was a Baptist. He was one of the first five trustees of the Martinsburgh United Baptist Society, formed November 6, 1824, and was prominent in the religious affairs of that denomination both there and in Oswego.

CHILDREN BORN IN MARTINSBURGH, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- 189. i. MORGAN, b. 27 Feb. 1818.
- ii. OLIVE, b. 14 Aug. 1819; m. 11 Dec. 1836, Alva Culver (below) of Plainfield, Ill.
- 190. iii. ORSON, b. 5 July 1821.
- 191. iv. DANIEL, b. 19 Dec. 1824.
- v. AMY ANN, b. 12 Oct. 1826; m. 19 Mar. 1843, Alva Culver (above) of Plainfield, and Festus, Mo.
- vi. EVELINE, b. 8 Mar. 1833; m. 4 Mar. 1852, William Cooney of Oswego, Ill.

CHILDREN BORN IN OSWEGO, ILL.:

By second wife:

- vii. MARIAN, b. 3 Dec. 1837; d. 17 Feb. 1850.
- viii. PHEBE ANN, b. 4 Sept. 1844; d. 5 Oct. 1844.

104. Major OTIS ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*⁸², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 March 1795 in Corinth, N. Y.; died 1 October 1872 in Pontiac, Ill.; married, 1st, about 1817 in Turin, N. Y., EUNICE SHEPARD, daughter of Major Gideon and Eunice (Lambson) Shepard, who died in September 1845 in Rutland, N. Y., aged 49 years. He married, 2d, 8 September 1850 in Plainfield, Ill., Mrs. PHEBE (PRATT) SNYDER, widow of William Snyder, and daughter of Amos and Diantha (Rockwell) Pratt, born 3 October 1809 in Cornwall, Vt.; died 20 December 1856 in Plainfield.

Otis Ashley was brought about the age of six years by his father to Martinsburgh, N. Y. When quite a young man, he went to live with his sister in Mendon, in what was then called the Genesee Country. While there, he was drafted for the army in the War of 1812 and sent to Canada. Peace was declared soon after, and he returned to Mendon, but an attack of fever and ague caused him to go home to Martinsburgh.

After his marriage he settled on a piece of new land, built a log house and began clearing his farm. He was a man of great energy and will, and after fifteen years of hard work was able to pay for his land. During that time, he was commissioned Major of the local militia regiment. He also served one term as supervisor of the town.

In 1839 Mr. Ashley sold his farm and emigrated to Illinois, and bought a farm in the town of Plainfield, Will County. He lived there one year and nine months, then sold it and returned to New York, settling in Rutland, Jefferson County, in the spring of 1841. After the death of his wife, in 1845, he went back to Plainfield, where he married again and lived until the spring of 1871. At that time he went out to California and lived a year with his son. He returned to Pontiac, Ill., where he died the following fall.

CHILDREN BORN IN MARTINSBURGH, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. RILEY,* b. ——— 1818; accidentally killed at a military training in the village, 4 July 1831, by a rifle ball reflected from a stone at which the weapon was fired, the owner not knowing it was loaded with anything but powder.
- 192. ii. OTIS, b. 2 July 1820.
- iii. MARY, b. ——— 1824; m. 4 Dec. 1841, Josiah Ballard of Rutland and Watertown, N. Y.

CHILD BORN IN PLAINFIELD, ILL.:

By second wife:

- iv. MARY JANE, b. 5 Feb. 1852; d. 28 Dec. 1860.

105. CYRUS ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁵⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁸, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 22 December 1797 in Corinth, N. Y.; died 4 July 1883 in Plainfield, Ill.; married 10 June 1822 in Martinsburgh, N. Y., MILLICENT JOHNSON, daughter of Edward and Abigail (Cornwell) Johnson, born 22 November 1791 in Whitesborough, N. Y.; died 25 January 1875 in Plainfield.

Cyrus Ashley came in childhood with his father to Martinsburgh, N. Y., and after his marriage settled on a farm in that

* Correcting "History of Lewis County, N. Y.," p. 182, which says it was *Otis*; obviously a mistake, as the latter is the compiler's authority for this family record.

town. He was an energetic farmer, and became a man of influence.

In the summer of 1835, leaving his family in Martinsburgh, he made a tour through Northern Ohio, for the purpose of choosing a Western home. The following summer he set out to visit Illinois, going by sail boat from Sackett's Harbor, and arriving at Chicago after a twenty-one days' sail. He then went by stage to Plainfield, on the Dupage River. This place he ever felt was the greenest spot, the deepest soil, and the home of his choice. He selected farm land and village property there, placing his claim in the land office in Chicago, though the land was not yet in the market. He returned to New York, filled with Western enthusiasm. Influenced by what he said of Illinois, his brother Riley and others decided to go West with him. The company left Martinsburgh May 9, 1837, in five well equipped emigrant wagons, and, going through Western New York, Canada, Michigan, over the old "Indian Trail" through Indiana, arrived in Plainfield June 9th, having made the journey in four weeks.

In 1855 Mr. Ashley's pioneer spirit was again aroused, and that fall he crossed the Mississippi River, determined to learn the merits of the State of Iowa. He was delighted with Cedar Falls, a new town on the beautiful Cedar River, one hundred miles west of Dubuque. He purchased a large and fine tract of land adjacent to the young but enterprising village. In February, 1857, he brought a load of goods there by sleigh, crossing the Mississippi on the ice; returning a distance of two hundred and fifty miles on horseback, riding one horse and leading the other. Three weeks later he moved his family to Cedar Falls, arriving there March 11th, two years in advance of the railroad. The above hard winter's work was accomplished in his sixtieth year.

In Cedar Falls Mr. Ashley was a leading spirit. He organized a Baptist church and secured a minister. He lived there twelve years, when he returned with his wife and eldest daughter to Plainfield. For four weeks, the winter that he was eighty years of age, he harnessed his horse and drove the minister to revival meetings at the schoolhouses in the country round-about. Later, he was enfeebled by asthma, but, three

days before his death, he attended the communion services and addressed the congregation with the words, "My work is done, but I love every one of you."

"Cyrus Ashley has served as deacon of the Baptist Church sixty years and he has been regarded on all hands as preëminently a model deacon. Indeed in every way he was a man of rare excellence. His judgment was the very best, his life thoroughly upright, his piety deep, and his power in prayer mighty. While he was unswerving in his adherence to the right, his spirit was kind, and he excelled as a peacemaker."*

CHILDREN BORN IN MARTINSBURGH, N. Y.:

- i. ABIGAIL CORNWELL, b. 11 Mar. 1823 ; d. 17 Sept. 1894 in Plainfield, Ill., unmarried. "A Christian lady and devoted to her parents during their declining years."
- ii. LAVINIA MARIA, b. 21 Jan. 1826 ; m., 1st, 27 May 1849, Hector N. Morgan of Chicago, Ill.: 2d, 22 Feb. 1860, LaFayette Foster of Plainfield.
- iii. LOUISA CHACE, b. 27 Jan. 1831 ; m. 28 Nov. 1852, Lewis James Hammond and resides in Joliet, Ill.
- iv. ANN BUNSTAN, b. 2 Sept. 1835 ; d. 26 Dec. 1837.

106. REV. RILEY BOARDMAN ASHLEY (*Daniel*³⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 October 1799 in Corinth, N. Y.; died 25 August 1880 in Plainfield, Ill.; married, 1st, 10 October 1822 in Martinsburgh, N. Y., SALLY SEARLE, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (———) Searle, born 11⁺ October 1800 in Westfield, Mass.; died 15 March 1827 in Martinsburgh. He married, 2d, 16 August 1827 in Turin, N. Y., RHODA CLARK, born 25 December 1804 in Turin; died 27 October 1864 in Plainfield. He married, 3d, 30 November 1865 in Leyden, N.-Y., TERRESSA ELMINA BELKNAP, daughter of Eli and Clarissa (Lyman) Belknap, born 19 December 1819 in Nassau, N. Y.; resides in Leyden.

Riley Boardman Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Martinsburgh, N. Y. He settled there after his marriage, was made pastor of the Baptist church there, and became quite a widely known preacher throughout Northern New York. In May, 1837, he emigrated with his brother Cyrus and others to Plainfield, Will County, Ill., and became

*Obituary by his pastor, Rev. D. F. Carnahan.

+ By West. T. Rec., 17 by fam. rec.

pastor of the Baptist church in that place. He traveled extensively through the northern part of Illinois and also in Wisconsin, organizing Baptist churches in many places. He has been known to travel twenty miles through floods to preach to one church he organized. He was one of the first preachers in Chicago, and was well liked there. He received a salary of \$400 a year, of which he contributed \$100 towards the expenses of the church. Mr. Ashley was the owner of several farms, which he rented out. He died while still officiating as pastor in Plainfield.

CHILDREN :

By first wife :

193. i. JAMES RILEY, b. 3 Feb. 1825 in Martinsburgh, N. Y.

By second wife :

194. ii. CYRUS NEWTON, b. 25 Dec. 1829 in Turin, N. Y.
 iii. OLIVE MARIA, b. 8 Mar. 1842 in Plainfield, Ill. ; m. 27 Dec. 1864, Samuel D. Smith of Chicago, Ill.
 iv. MARIAN EMELINE, b. 2 Dec. 1850 in Plainfield ; m. 23 Feb. 1872, George Oliver and resides in Chicago.

107. ANSON ASHLEY (*Oliver*⁵⁸, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 March 1795 in Sheffield, Mass. ; died 5 July 1870 in Tallmadge, Ohio ; married 10 March 1820 in Tallmadge, MIRANDA FENN, daughter of Peek and Urania (Durand) Fenn, born 1 January 1798 in Orange, Conn. ; died 27 August 1889 in Tallmadge.

Anson Ashley left home when a boy of ten, and from that time took care of himself. Emigrating to Ohio, he settled in the town of Tallmadge, where he made his home the rest of his life. After his marriage he bought a house, and sent for his parents and invalid sister to come out there and live with him. They did so, and were cared for and dependent on him as long as they lived.

Mr. Ashley was a man of great energy. He was a thorough business man, and so exact in his accounts that at the annual settlement the merchants would take his figures instead of going over the itemized bills. He had few educational advantages in his youth, but he had a good mind and was fond of reading. He especially enjoyed reading history and biog-

raphy, and kept himself well informed on all important questions and events of the day. He was a Whig until the birth of the Republican party, which he joined and heartily supported. During the Civil War, he kept an atlas on his desk, and, so far as was possible, followed the course of the different battles, and rejoiced in the success of the Union arms.

Mr. Ashley held at different times offices of trust, such as justice of the peace, treasurer of benevolent societies, etc.

CHILDREN BORN IN TALLMADGE, OHIO :

- i. MIRANDA DURAND, b. 25 July 1820 ; m. 29 May 1842, Edwin C. Leach of Ashland, Ohio.
- ii. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 14 Mar. 1822 ; m. 31 July 1844, Edwin C. Leach (above) and resides in Ashland.
- iii. ANSON FENN, b. 13 Dec. 1823 ; when a young man, assisted his father in his business and on the farm. Later his business was that of contractor to carry the mails from St. Louis to Bonhomme on the Missouri River. His health at present does not permit him to engage in any active business. He has been town constable and has held other minor town offices. He resides on the homestead in Tallmadge, and is unmarried.
- iv. URANIA DURAND, b. 24 May 1829 ; m. 22 Apr. 1858, John Woodhouse Seward and resides in Tallmadge.
195. v. ANDRUS FELLOWS, b. 21 Sept. 1831.
- vi. ANNA ELIZA, b. 20 July 1836 ; m. 20 July 1854, Samuel Baldwin and resides in Ashland, Ohio.
196. vii. ARLINGTON OLIVER, b. 11 Nov. 1838.

108. ANDRUS ASHLEY (*Oliver*⁵⁶, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 September 1796 in Sheffield, Mass. ; died 6 January 1861 in Plum River, Ill. ; married about 1820 in Penn Yan, N. Y., MARY VAN PELT, daughter of John and Sarah (Pratt) Van Pelt of Penn Yan, who died 8 January 1883 at the home of her daughter in Dysart, Iowa, aged 94 years.

Andrus Ashley learned the trade of a blacksmith in an edge tool factory in Ballston Spa, N. Y. After his marriage he settled in Penn Yan, N. Y., and lived on Van Pelt Hill for about four years. He then moved to Sulphur Springs, near Canandaigua, N. Y., returning to Penn Yan early in 1827. About 1842 he removed to West Middlesex, Pa., where he

bought a farm of one hundred acres, well situated and abounding in fruit trees. While there, he was occupied mostly with his trade, although for a short time he was engineer of a glass furnace. The town becoming cut up by mines, he became dissatisfied, sold his farm, and in 1856 emigrated to Mount Carroll, Ill. ; from which place he removed the following year to Plum River, Ill. He bought eighty acres of land in Plum River and lived there the rest of his life. He was elected president of the village the fall preceding his death.

CHILDREN :

- i. SARAH, b. 30 May 1821 in Penn Yan, N. Y. ; m. 3 Oct. 1840, Harvey F. Wheaton of Dysart, Iowa.
197. ii. ANTHONY WAYNE, b. 28 July 1825 in Sulphur Springs, N. Y.

109. RALPH ASHLEY (*Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 May 1797 in Pittsfield, Mass. ; died 29 June 1852 in Port Republic, N. J. ; married 26 September 1826 in Port Republic, SARAH BLACKMAN, daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Smith) Blackman, and sister of the wife of his brother Rollin, born 29 June 1803 in English Creek, N. J. ; died 28 September 1879 in Port Republic.

Ralph Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Hampton, N. Y., and spent his early youth on the farm there. At the age of twenty-five he went to Port Republic (then Blackman's Mills), N. J., and entered the general store of his uncle David Noble. The firm became Noble & Ashley, and Mr. Ashley succeeded to the business at his uncle's death. He and his brother Rollin formed a partnership under the firm name of R. & R. T. Ashley and conducted a store for a number of years, and, after the firm was dissolved, about 1833, Mr. Ashley continued the business until about 1848. He was also interested in ship building, the marketing of wood and charcoal to New York City, and farming.

CHILDREN BORN IN PORT REPUBLIC, N. J. :

198. i. ROLLIN MALLORY, b. 24 July 1827.
- ii. LARDNER BLACKMAN, b. 18 June 1830 ; d. 4 July 1852, unmarried.
- iii. JULIA, b. 23 July 1832 ; m. 17 Sept. 1855, Gen. Elias Wright of Atlantic City, N. J.



Dr. Ashley

- iv. ANN ELIZA, b. 9 Apr. 1835; m. 10 Oct. 1876, George W. Allen, M.D., of Oceanville, N. J., and resides in Port Republic.
 - v. LEONARD HARVEY, b. 5 Apr. 1837; resides in Mays Landing, N. J., and is unmarried.*
199. vi. DAVID BLACKMAN. b. 18 July 1840.

110. ROLLIN TAYLOR ASHLEY (*Leonard*⁸⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 22 October 1803 in Hampton, N. Y.; died 16 September 1888 in Brooklyn, Pa.; married 24 January 1830 in Port Republic, N. J., ROXANA BLACKMAN, daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Smith) Blackman, and sister of the wife of his brother Ralph, born 17 May 1810 in English Creek, N. J.; died 25 November 1888 in Montrose, Pa.

Rollin Taylor Ashley was born in Hampton, N. Y., on a farm on the west bank of the Poultney River, and nearly opposite the village of Fairhaven, Vt. Removing to Atlantic (then Gloucester) County, N. J., he taught school in the winter of 1826-27 at Bass River, in Burlington County. He then formed a copartnership with his brother Ralph in the mercantile business at Blackman's Mills, now Port Republic, Atlantic County. In the spring of 1831 he removed to Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, Pa., where he succeeded his uncle James Noble in the mercantile business, his partnership with his brother Ralph still continuing for two or three years after his location in Brooklyn. He continued in trade for more than fifty years, occasionally engaging in the purchase of live stock for Eastern markets, in connection with his mercantile business.

Mr. Ashley was widely known as an active and influential

* Leonard Harvey Ashley is a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted for nine months on Sept. 17, 1862, as First-Lieutenant of Company K, Twenty-third New Jersey Volunteers, participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, and Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, and was discharged on June 17, 1863. He held the office of collector of Galloway township, Atlantic County, N. J., three years and was chosen one of its freeholders three years. In 1876 and 1877 he was a member of the New Jersey Legislature. From 1881 to 1890 he was deputy-keeper of the New Jersey State Prison. In 1891 he was appointed Deputy-Sheriff of Atlantic County, which office he still holds. On August 27, 1895, he courageously prevented an attempted jail delivery of fifty prisoners in the Atlantic County jail. He resides in Mays Landing, N. J., and is unmarried.

Methodist, and, toward the close of his life, he was for many years a local preacher of that denomination. In 1866 he was elected as Associate Judge of Susquehanna County, and served to the end of his term, in 1871. His death resulted from injuries occasioned by a fall.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN BROOKLYN, PA. :

- 200. i. JAMES AYARS, b. 20 Nov. 1830 in Port Republic, N. J.
- ii. JOSEPH RALPH, b. 10 Sept. 1832; d. 22 Mar. 1875 in Washington, D. C., unmarried.*
- 201. iii. NEHEMIAH BLACKMAN, b. 9 Sept. 1834.
- iv. GEORGE KENNARD, b. 28 Dec. 1836; resides in Washington, D. C., unmarried.†
- v. SARAH ELIZA, b. 26 Feb. 1839; m. 7 June 1865, Capt. Henry Francis Beardsley of Montrose, Pa.
- vi. MARY ADELINE, b. 28 May 1841; m. 4 June 1863, Rev. John S. Breckinridge and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- vii. EMELINE, b. 20 Feb. 1844; d. 19 Apr. 1859.
- viii. HORATIO HAYDEN, b. 12 Dec. 1854; d. 29 Sept. 1858.

111. LEONARD NOBLE ASHLEY (*Leonard*⁸⁰, *David*⁸³, *David*⁸⁴, *David*⁸, *David*², *Robert*⁸), born 9 October 1813 in Hampton,

* Joseph Ralph Ashley removed in August, 1854, to Louisville, Scott Co., Minn., where he was associated with his eldest brother in farming and mercantile business until the panic of 1858. He was appointed a justice of the peace in 1856, and held that office until November, 1860, when he was elected county auditor. In August, 1862, in connection with the late Hon. H. B. Strait, he raised Company I, Ninth Regiment Minnesota Infantry, Mr. Strait being chosen captain and Mr. Ashley first-lieutenant of the company. He served with this regiment, first against the Indians on the Minnesota frontier, and afterwards in Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi, until, his health having failed, he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability at the close of the year 1864. After the war, he was for a time connected with the quartermaster's service at Harrisburg, Pa., but, after a few months, he received an appointment in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, where, as the head of a section, he was employed at the time of his death.

† George Kennard Ashley, beginning in 1861, was for many years employed in the United States Railway Postal Service. Subsequently, he was engaged in collating for publication portions of the statistics collected under the Tenth Census. In 1890 he was appointed Supervisor of Census for the Fifth Census District of the State of Pennsylvania, a district in which the labors of the supervisor were rendered extremely difficult and arduous by reason of the heterogeneous character of the population. He is unmarried, and resides in Washington, D. C.



"THE PINES," BROOKLYN, PA.

Residence of the late Rollin T. Ashley.

N. Y.; died 23 October 1847 in Unionville, N. J.; married SOPHIA SKIDMORE, daughter of Thomas and Tirzah (Noble) Skidmore of Brooklyn, Pa.

Leonard Noble Ashley settled in Unionville, N. J., and was a merchant.

CHILDREN BORN IN UNIONVILLE, N. J. :

- i. SARAH, m. ————— of Seabright, N. J.
Several other daughters died before their father.

112. ETHAN ASHLEY (*Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ——— 1798 in Hancock, N. Y.; died in November 1876 in Stony Fork, Pa.; married about 1820, LAVINA ORVISE, daughter of Jesse and Susannah (Holden) Orvise, born 31 January 1800 in ———, Conn.; died 25 September 1870 in Delmar, Pa.

Ethan Ashley removed with his parents from New York to Pennsylvania. He first settled after his marriage in Troy, Bradford County, but in 1822 he removed to Sullivan, Tioga County. Towards the close of his life he removed to Stony Fork, in the same county, where he died. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA. :

- i. LAURA, b. 15 July 1821 in Troy, Pa. ; m. 2 Sept. 1841, Alexander Kennedy of Delmar, Pa
- ii. CHARLOTTE, b. 26 June 1823 ; m. Elias Franklin Kennedy of Kennedy, Pa.
- 202. iii. ELEAZER, b. 15 Sept. 1830.
- 203. iv. ALLEN, b. 16 Oct. 1831.
- v. HARRIET, b. 18 Sept. 1834 ; m. 4 Mar. 1857, Miner Kennedy and resides in Canton, Pa.
- vi. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. 10 Apr. 1836 ; was a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted Nov. 14, 1861, for three years, in Company B, Eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers (Seventh Cavalry), was a prisoner from Oct. 1, 1864, to Apr. 21, 1865, and was mustered out June 14, 1865. He is a farmer in Delmar, Pa., and is unmarried.
- vii. FREEMAN, b. 10 Mar. 1841 ; "d. in the army," unmarried.*

113. FOREST ASHLEY (*Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 April 1805 in Hancock, N. Y. ; died 1 March 1882 in Sullivan, Pa. ; married 3 May 1827 in Troy,

* Relatives failed to send fuller particulars.

Pa., DEBORAH HICKOCK, daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Rich) Hickock, born 3 November 1801 in Pittsford, Vt.; died 13 January 1876 in Sullivan.

Forest Ashley, when quite a small boy, came with his parents to the vicinity of Troy, Bradford County, Pa. At the age of fourteen he went from home to work and engaged with a Mr. Pierson residing near the present village of Nauvoo, Tioga County, Pa. While there, the wife of his employer, later known as "Lydia Jane Pierson," the writer and poetess, befriended him, and in after years dedicated to him two volumes of poems, entitled "Forest Leaves" and "Forest Minstrels."

In the year 1827 he married, and soon after began the work of clearing a farm in the woods near the present borough of Mainesburgh, Sullivan township, Pa. To make this new home required many years of hard toil and privation. There were few roads, little or no money to be had; the nearest gristmill was twelve miles distant, and accessible only on foot or on horseback; and in case of sickness a physician was beyond reach. The wool carding and weaving were done by hand; all the lumber for building purposes was hewed out, and the necessary household furniture was generally made on the spot. The destruction of cattle by wild beasts was of frequent occurrence, and the people were obliged to be in doors at night. On the other hand, game was abundant, and fresh meat and fish were always obtainable.

Mrs. Ashley used to relate that one day a beautiful deer, closely pursued by dogs, ran into the house and at once cuddled down in the corner near her, where it remained perfectly content until all danger had passed, when she let it out. A different experience came, however, when once she and two small children were left alone while Mr. Ashley was absent two days, procuring a door and window for the house. A quilt answered for a door, and during the night the wolves came and looked under the quilt, but were frightened away by the big fire within, where Mrs. Ashley stood sentinel all night long with a supply of burning fagots. The orchards, however, grew slowly, and it was a long time before these pioneers could enjoy the luxury of having fruit.

The coming of the post office, the construction of a State road past his door, and, later, the railroad up the Tioga Valley, in the 'thirties, and the opening of coal mines at Blossburgh ten miles distant, were events of the utmost importance and soon placed them in the midst of excellent markets. At this time there came many people from New England, and the forests were soon replaced by beautiful farms.

Mr. Ashley was a man of vigorous make up and carried through an undertaking with great energy. In later years he engaged in lumbering farther west in the same State. His word was as good as his note, and, although not a professing Christian until late in life, he held Christians in high esteem and always manifested a deep reverence for the house of worship. Once, he engaged a neighbor to supply him with an ox-yoke, and when it was delivered it contained a knot hole. On being told it would not answer, the man remarked that it was not his fault, as God had made the tree. His stern reply was, "Mr. ———, God never made an ox-yoke with a knot-hole in it."

Mr. Ashley was buried near Mainesburgh. He and his wife were members of the Freewill Baptist Church. His youngest son now owns and occupies his homestead and farm one and one-half miles from the village of Mainesburgh.*

CHILDREN BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA. :

- 204. i. ORANGE, b. 29 Mar. 1828.
- 205. ii. RICHARD FRANKLIN, b. 23 Nov. 1830.
- iii. CHARLES, b. 19 Jan. 1833; d. 20 Feb. 1833.
- iv. PHEBE DEBORAH, b. 21 June 1834; m. 11 Oct. 1859, John Madison Haverley and resides in Cherry Flats, Pa.
- 206. v. FLOYD, b. 27 Feb. 1837.
- 207. vi. ADDISON STERNE, b. 21 Aug. 1839.
- vii. DIANTHA LOUISA, b. 28 Sept. 1841; m. 1 Jan. 1866, Dr. Daniel Shays Foster and resides in Washington, D. C.
- viii. EDWIN, b. — Aug. 1843; d. — Sept. 1843.

114. WELCH ASHLEY (*Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 1 June 1808 in Hancock, N. Y.; died 23 February 1885 in Jackson, Minn.; married 15 October

* The above sketch was kindly furnished by his daughter Mrs. Foster.

1836 in Rutland, Pa., MARGARET SMITH of Rutland, who resides with her children in Jackson, Minn.*

Welch Ashley came to Pennsylvania with his parents. During the first thirty years of his married life, he moved over sixty times among the towns and villages of Bradford and Tioga counties; Gray's Valley, Sylvania and Mainesburgh being some of the places where he lived. He amassed quite a property in mercantile business, and removed to Jackson, Minn. There he continued in business and also kept a hotel. His son Benjamin succeeded to the business.

CHILDREN : *

- i. GEORGE G.
- ii. BENJAMIN W.
- iii. MARGARET ANNIS.
- iv. AMENZO.
- v. JULIA.
- vi. JESSE F.
- vii. JOHN CHARLES.

115. FRANKLIN ASHLEY (*Forest*⁶¹, *David*²³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁸, *David*², *Robert*⁶), born 2 February 1810 in Hancock, N. Y.; died 20 August 1876 in Hopeville, Iowa; married 4 January 1846 in Troy, Pa., CELESTIA RUTH HIMES, born 16 February 1825 in Le Roy, Pa. She married, 2d, 9 July 1878 in Hopeville, James Walters of that place, and died there 30 December 1891.

Franklin Ashley, in his youth, was full of the pioneer spirit and twice visited Illinois. He worked at chopping, logging and rafting, in all of which he was very expert. After his marriage he settled in Troy, Bradford County, Pa. In 1850 he removed to Lafayette, Stark County, Ill., and in 1856 to Clarke County, Iowa, and settled in the town of Hopeville, where he lived the rest of his life. He was a farmer and a member of the Disciples' Church.

CHILDREN :

208. i. MILTON TYRUS, b. 26 Nov. 1847 in Troy, Pa.
- ii. CHARLES ALBERT, b. 9 Dec. 1856 in Hopeville, Iowa; d. 7 Aug. 1858.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

116. LEONARD ASHLEY (*Forest*⁶¹, *David*⁵³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 25 March 1818 in Hancock, N. Y.; died in October 1852 in White Pigeon, Mich.; married about 1838 in Sullivan, Pa., JANE WILBUR, daughter of William Wilbur, born 26 March 1819 in Watertown, N. Y.; resides in Jackson, Minn.

Leonard Ashley settled in the town of Sullivan, Pa., where he resided a good many years. He started with his family for Lafayette, Ill., but was taken sick on the train and died in five hours, and was buried at White Pigeon, Mich.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT VII) BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA.:

- i. HARRIET, b. 28 Sept. 1839; d. 1887 in Jackson, Minn., unmarried.
- ii. ELEANOR, b. 22 June 1841; m. 1857, Calvin Brown and resides in Canton, Pa.
- iii. HENRY, b. 30 Apr. 1843; d. 17 Jan. 1880 in Jackson, unmarried.
- 209. iv. JOHN LEONARD, b. 23 Mar. 1845.
- v. DAVID, b. 12 May 1847; is a farmer in Jackson, unmarried.
- vi. LAURA ANN, b. 5 July 1849; m. 28 Nov. 1868, George Pugh and resides in St. Joseph, Mo.
- 210. vii. LEONARD FOREST, b. 19 June 1853 in Lafayette, Ill.

117. SIMEON ASHLEY (*Thomas*⁶², *Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ———— 1786 in ————, ————; died 8 October 1871, aged 85 years, in Rochester, N. Y.; married about 1826, DIADAMIA PEET, daughter of ? Lucius Peet, born ———— 1803 near Middlebury, Vt.; died ———— 1831 in Rochester.

Simeon Ashley left his father's home in Conesus, N. Y., soon after his marriage, and settled in Chili, a small village near Rochester, N. Y. He had studied law in the office of a lawyer in Canandaigua, N. Y., and previously, about 1821, had been for a time a student in the same office as Millard Fillmore. Mr. Ashley's purpose was to continue in practice in Chili, but his health failed, and he gave up his profession. He next studied medicine, and for many years was the only physician called by any of his family and by many others, but he never received fees or pretended to be in practice.

Mr. Ashley and his brother Isaac moved to Rochester about 1828, and together kept a hotel there until 1849, although the former had other business interests during that time. He

gave up business in 1849, and from that time until his death, with the exception of a year spent with his son Seymour in New York City, lived with his brother Isaac at the Clinton House in Rochester.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.:

- 211. i. LUCIEN SEYMOUR, b. 22 Feb. 1827 in Chili, N. Y.
- ii. EDWIN STEBBINS, b. 1 May 1828; d. 15 May 1852 in Rochester, unmarried.
- iii. SARA ANN, b. 27 Mar. 1831; d. 1 Sept. 1831.

118. ISAAC ASHLEY (*Thomas*⁶², *Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 December 1796 in ———, ———; died 2 May 1883 in Rochester, N. Y.; married CHARLOTTE CARLISLE, daughter of Daniel Carlisle, born 20 September 1805 in ———, ———; died 1 January 1873 in Rochester.

Isaac Ashley came to Rochester, N. Y., about 1828, and in company with his brother Simeon kept a hotel there until 1849, when Simeon retired. Mr. Ashley continued in the hotel business and conducted the Clinton House in that city for many years. After his retirement from business, he bought a house on Alexander Street, where he passed the rest of his life.

CHILDREN :*

- i. A child, d. in infancy.
- ii. ROSCOE BOYD (adopted), b. 1 Dec. 1824; resides in Rochester, N. Y., and has a family.†
- iii. ZIEPORAH (adopted), m. ——— Wilcox of Rochester.

118½. ZENAS ASHLEY (*Zenas*^{62 1-2}, *Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 September 1789 in [? Westfield,] Mass.; died 19 September 1854 in Maumee, Ind.; married 13 September 1808 in Burlington, N. Y., LUCY CHASE, born 29 March 1791 in ———, ———; died 5 November 1858 in Springwater, N. Y.

Zenas Ashley came to New York with his father. He settled first in Burlington, but removed to Conesus and later to Springwater, where he lived many years. He emigrated to Indiana, and died in Maumee.‡

* According to Mr. L. Seymour Ashley (211).

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

‡ Letter from a daughter of his oldest daughter.

CHILDREN : *

- i. EDWIN, b. 19 June 1809 ; d. 10 Jan. 1839, unmarried.
- ii. ALPHONSO, b. 2 Feb. 1811 ; d. 2 Feb. 1844, unmarried.
- 211½. iii. LURENDUS BELINA, b. 27 Jan. 1813.
- iv. ERASMUS DARWIN, b. 26 Sept. 1817 ; resides in Erasmus, Tenn.†
- v. LUCRETIA, b. 16 Aug. 1820 ; m. 20 Feb. 1849, Harvey B. Rice of Wayland, N. Y.
- vi. HARRIET, b. 22 Aug. 1826 ; m. ——— Parker of ———, Wis.
- vii. CAROLINE, b. 6 Sept. 1830 ; d. 27 Dec. 1841.

119. THOMAS ASHLEY (*Thomas*⁶⁵, *Israel*³⁷, *Israel*¹⁸, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 April 1836 in Westfield, Mass ; resides in Chicago, Ill. ; married 30 December 1862 in Toledo, Ohio, ELEANOR CALKINS, daughter of James and Lucy Eveline (Lathrop) Calkins, born 13 October 1842 in Malone, N. Y.

Thomas Ashley settled in Bloomington, Ill., where he became a merchant and resided for many years. He recently removed to Chicago, Ill., his present residence.

CHILDREN BORN IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL. :

- 212. i. GEORGE WHITMAN, b. 13 Dec. 1863.
- ii. LUCY CLARK, b. 1 Sept. 1865 ; m. 3 Aug. 1887, Benjamin F. Larrabee and resides in Brookline, Mass.
- iii. THOMAS, b. 6 May 1867 ; is teller of the Atlas National Bank in Chicago, Ill. He is unmarried.
- iv. NELLIE, b. 10 Dec. 1871 ; d. 10 Sept. 1872.
- v. GRACE ELEANOR, } twins, d. 10 Oct. 1874.
- vi. FREDERICK BATES, } b. 6 Aug. 1873 ; d. 14 Oct. 1874.
- vii. WALTER, b. 3 Mar. 1878 ; is a salesman in R. H. White's dry goods store in Boston, Mass.

120. HENRY ASHLEY (*John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 January 1787 in Sheffield, Mass. ; died 7 May 1873 in Hillsdale, N. Y. ; married 10 November 1809 in Norfolk, Conn., ELIZABETH AKINS, daughter of Edmond and Eunice (Pease) Akins, born 31 December 1793 in Norfolk ; died 17 January 1890 in Hillsdale.

Henry Ashley was engaged most of his life in teaching school in Sheffield, Mass., and Norfolk and Winsted, Conn. ;

* The first four born in Burlington, N. Y., the others in Conesus, N. Y. Family register furnished by the widow of the third son.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

residing in Norfolk about twenty years. He was a man of very quiet tastes, never desiring any public office, and his life was a most exemplary one. He and his wife removed about 1864 to the home of their eldest daughter in Hillsdale, N. Y., where they passed the remainder of their days.

Mr. Ashley served as a paymaster in the army at Boston during the last three months of the War of 1812.*

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

- i. SUSAN MARY, b. 24 Nov. 1810; m. 9 Nov. 1835, James Birdsall of Winsted, Conn., and Hillsdale, N. Y.
- 213. ii. EDMOND HENRY, b. 1 June 1813.
- iii. SARA ELIZABETH, b. 27 July 1829; m. 10 July 1848, John Beaufort Church of Sheffield and resides in Hillsdale, N. Y.

121. JOHN ASHLEY (*John⁶⁶, John⁴⁰, John¹⁶, John⁵, David², Robert¹*), born 11 February 1807 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 23 March 1876 in Sheffield; married, 1st, 18 December 1828 in Salisbury, Conn., MARTHA MARIA SHEFFELL, daughter of William and Lois (Gaylord) Sheffell, born 16 January 1810 in Canaan, Conn.; died 18 March 1861 in Sheffield. He married, 2d, 11 July 1863 in Sheffield, Mrs. SALOME (BASSETT) CUTTING, widow of William Cutting of Lee, Mass., and daughter of Joseph and Ruby (Beeman) Bassett, born 5 May 1820 in Tyringham, Mass.; died 13 April 1876 in Sheffield.

John Ashley settled on a farm in his native place, the village of Ashley Falls in the town of Sheffield, Mass. He was a carpenter by trade. He held the office of grand juror for many years. His daughter inherited his homestead.

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- 214. i. JOHN, b. 23 Aug. 1829.
- ii. JULIA, b. 15 Apr. 1830; m. 24 Dec. 1850, George Blodgett of Sheffield.
- 215. iii. HENRY, b. 27 May 1832.
- 216. iv. WILLIAM, b. 4 Oct. 1834.

122. ROBERT ASHLEY (*John⁶⁶, John⁴⁰, John¹⁶, John⁵, David², Robert¹*), born 19 June 1809 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 8 March

* Letter from his youngest daughter.

1873 in Brushy Prairie, Ind.; married, 1st, 3 October 1839 in ? Canaan, N. Y., HELEN ELIZABETH JEFFERDS, born 12 March 1819 in Canaan, Conn.; died 3 January 1854 in Brushy Prairie. He married, 2d, 2 June 1854, Mrs. MARY (DOUGLAS) LONG, who resides with a daughter by her former marriage in Lansing, Mich.*

Robert Ashley emigrated from his birthplace with other Sheffield people to Kalamazoo, Mich., and was one of its first settlers. He went from there to White Pigeon, and then returned to Sheffield. In October, 1833, he went to Indiana and spent the following winter with his cousin John B. Clark, who was the first settler in Springfield township, La Grange County. He came there again in the winter of 1836-37, and purchased of the Government the eighty acres of land on which he settled twelve years later. Immediately after his marriage he and his wife started for this farm, but, stopping on their way to Indiana to visit his nephew Edmond Ashley at East Bloomfield, N. Y., they were persuaded by the latter to settle in the village of Honeoye in that county. He there engaged in the foundry and tinning business, having formerly worked at the latter trade, and continued in it until the spring of 1849, when he sold out and removed to his farm in Brushy Prairie, Springfield township, Ind. He was there engaged in farming until his death, his farm now being carried on by his two sons.

Mr. Ashley was a man of sterling integrity. He was an independent thinker and quite a mechanical genius. Although of industrious and economical habits, he had no desire to accumulate property for the sake of hoarding it; and his chief amusement was hunting with a dog and gun, at which he was fairly successful. He was a lover of fine fruit and made horticulture a study, having the best collection of fruit trees of any orchard in the county. He was the pioneer grape culturist of the county, and for several years took first premiums. In public and social life Mr. Ashley displayed a retiring nature. In politics he was not a partisan, but, true to his convictions, voted the Republican ticket.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN HONEOYE, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. EUGENE, b. 22 Sept. 1840; d. 1 Apr. 1842.
- ii. RALPH, b. 5 June 1843: resides in Brushy Prairie, Ind., and is unmarried.*
- iii. CHARLES, b. 10 Oct. 1845; soon after coming of age, removed to Missouri, where he hired himself out as a farm hand, but was taken sick not long after, and d. 19 Aug. 1867 in Boles, Mo. He was unmarried.
- iv. ASENATH, b. 1 May 1848; d. 4 Jan. 1854.
- 217. v. FRANK, b. 18 May 1853 in Brushy Prairie, Ind.

123. JAMES ASHLEY (*Roger*⁸⁵, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*,² *Robert*[†]), born 15 May 1791 in Fort Ann, N. Y.;



* Ralph Ashley enlisted at Goshen, Ind., March 10, 1864, and was mustered into the U. S. service as a private of Company A, First Regiment Heavy Artillery (Twenty-first Indiana Veteran Volunteers), at Indianapolis, Ind., March 12, 1864. His regiment was on garrison duty, and had no opportunity for more active service. He was present for all duty required of his company from April 18, 1864, until his honorable discharge at Baton Rouge, La., April 15, 1866.

Since the war, Mr. Ashley's occupation has been school teaching, book canvassing, and, principally, farming. The latter is his present occupation, and he lives with his brother

on their father's homestead. He has held the office of justice of the peace of Springfield township three terms of four years each, receiving his last two elections by the unanimous vote of the township, although he had always been an independent and outspoken Republican. He served as Census enumerator of his township for the last Census. He is also usually chosen a trustee or secretary of all business, literary, and public exercises and entertainments in his neighborhood. He is a free and liberal thinker on questions of religion, and is not connected with any church. In April, 1884, he became a member of J. H. Dansuer Post, No. 104, Department of Indiana, G. A. R. He visited the Centennial at Philadelphia and was present at Independence Square on July 4, 1876. He also attended the 27th National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Indianapolis Sept. 4 to 7, 1893, and took part in the various exercises on that occasion. Mr. Ashley resides in Brushy Prairie, Ind., and is unmarried.



ASHLEY HOMESTEAD, FORT ANN, N. Y.

died 31 October 1859 in Fort Ann; married, 1st, 8 July 1817 in Fort Ann, MELINDA MASON, daughter of Shubael and Anna (———) Mason, who died 1 March 1819 in Fort Ann, aged 22 years. He married, 2d, 21 June 1821 in Fort Ann, NANCY NIMS, daughter of Rufus and Lucretia (Cook) Nims, born 29 November 1802 in Fort Ann; died 31 March 1871 in Fort Ann.

James Ashley settled in Fort Ann, Washington County, N. Y., his native place. He inherited his father's homestead farm there and on it built the house, a picture of which is on the opposite page, in which he passed his life. The homestead was burned in January, 1896.

Mr. Ashley's life was a quiet yet busy one. He was engaged in farming in Fort Ann, and owned timber lands in different parts of the State. The transportation of the timber was done by hired men under his supervision and, later, that of his oldest son. He was an enterprising man and accumulated a competency for those times. He died respected and lamented by his fellow townsmen as a just and upright man.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. WARREN, b. ——— 1819; d. in infancy soon after his mother.

By second wife:

- ii. MELINDA, b. 29 Apr. 1822; m. 11 Oct. 1843, Samuel Patten and resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.
 iii. LOUISA, b. 30 Jan. 1824; m. 20 Sept. 1846, Abiel West of Fort Ann and Glens Falls. She d. 20 Apr. 1896 in Glens Falls, which had been her home since 1869, while this Genealogy, in which she had manifested great interest and for which she had furnished a large amount of material, was being prepared for the press.
 iv. ELLEN, b. 4 Oct. 1825; d. 6 Aug. 1829.
 218. v. WARREN, b. 9 Oct. 1827.
 vi. JEHIEL, b. 13 July 1829; d. 15 Mar. 1848.
 219. vii. DENISON, b. 9 Apr. 1831.
 220. viii. GEORGE, b. 1 Oct. 1832.
 221. ix. ANDREW, b. 20 Dec. 1833.
 222. x. JEFFERSON, b. 4 Dec. 1835.
 223. xi. JOHN QUINCY, b. 4 Nov. 1837.
 xii. JAMES, b. 24 Nov. 1839; d. 10 Feb. 1858.
 xiii. JANE, b. 18 Oct. 1841; m. 5 Oct. 1859, Gardner Mason of Granville, N. Y., and resides in Rutland, Vt.
 xiv. FANNY, b. 14 Apr. 1847; d. 14 Apr. 1848.

124. REV. JEHIEL ASHLEY (*Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ——— 1795 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; died ——— 18— in ———, Ark.; married ——— 1826 in Fort Ann, PHEBE DEWEY, his cousin, daughter of Capt. Thaddens and Mary (Salisbury) Dewey.

Jehiel Ashley became a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church. Little has been learned of his life. He is said to have resided at Barney Landing, Ark., where he owned a plantation and slaves, and, for a short time possibly, in New Orleans, and to have died in Arkansas.

CHILDREN:

- i. WILLIAM.
- ii. A son.
- iii. A daughter.
- iv. A daughter.

125. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 July 1800 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; died 23 March 1881 in Battle Creek, Mich.; married ——— 1827 in Fort Ann, MINERVA ASHLEY, daughter of Jeduthan and Jane (Farnsworth) Ashley,* born ——— 1807 in Fort Ann; died 4 July 1863 in Kingsville, Ohio.

Joseph Ashley was engaged in farming all his life. He left Fort Ann, his native town, in 1838, and went to North-east, Chautauqua County, N. Y. He lived there a year or two, and moved to Harbor Creek, Pa., and a few years later to Wesleyville, Pa. He lived there about five years, going in 1852 to Erie, Pa. In 1857 he removed to Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he remained until the death of his wife, in July, 1863. The rest of his life was passed in the homes of his children, and he died at that of his son Jerome in Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Ashley had always retained the ownership of his homestead in Kingsville, Ohio, and his remains were taken there and interred beside his wife.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT IV) BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- 224. i. EDWARD EDWIN, b. 25 Sept. 1832.
- ii. JANE, b. ——— 1834; m. — Feb. 1853, Uriah C. Stanton of Erie, Pa., and resides in Battle Creek, Mich.†

* Of the Barnard, Vt., family and not descended from Robert Ashley the Springfield settler.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

225. iii. JEROME BONAPARTE, b. 26 Mar. 1837.

226. iv. GLOVER, b. — May 1847 in Wesleyville, Pa.

Four more children, MASSENA, LAURA, FRANCIS and LAFAYETTE, died in infancy.

126. Col. DENISON ASHLEY (*Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 15 April 1805 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; died 23 August 1876 in Freedom, N. Y.; married 9 February 1826 in Fort Ann, LUCINDA GILLETT, daughter of Avery and Lucy (Kibbee) Gillett, born 14 March 1808 in Fort Ann; died 1 September 1889 at the home of her son in Machias, N. Y.

Denison Ashley used to tell of carrying milk, when he was a boy, to the soldiers encamped near his home in Fort Ann, during the War of 1812. He settled on a farm in his native town, and lived there the first six years after his marriage. Early in the summer of 1832 he removed to Freedom, Cattaraugus County, N. Y. The country was sparsely settled and there was only a log house on his farm. Here he resided the remainder of his life, chiefly occupied in the development of his farm, which, before his death, he had brought to a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Ashley was a leading citizen of the town and a justice of the peace for many years. He was colonel of the militia regiment in his county, and his appearance on the annual training day is described as follows: "My father was as straight and had as square shoulders as if he had been drilled in a military school. Dressed in his blue coat with gilt buttons and gold fringed epaulets, his red sash, and his sword at his side, he made a fine-looking soldier."* He and his wife were among the most earnest supporters of the Baptist church in the neighboring village of Sandusky, and he was one of its most efficient deacons.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN FREEDOM, N. Y.:

- i. ANN ELIZA, b. 3 June 1829 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; m., 1st, 15 May 1853, Dr. James Newman Mead of Grand Rapids, Ohio; 2d, 16 Dec. 1891, James Todd Skinner and resides in Tontogany, Ohio.

* From his daughter Mrs. Elmer. His eldest daughter, Mrs. Skinner, remembers the log house.

- ii. JAMES PHILETUS, b. 2 Apr. 1832; d. 6 July 1834.
- iii. LUCY JANE, b. 24 Sept. 1833; m. 8 Oct. 1855, Charles Jefferson Elmer and resides in Rushford, N. Y.
- iv. MILETUS GILLET, b. 31 Mar. 1838; d. 21 May 1839.
- v. LAURA LUCINDA, b. 28 Aug. 1840; d. 19 Oct. 1853.
- vi. MARQUIS DENISON, b. 24 Nov. 1842; d. 29 Aug. 1844.
- vii. KENDRICK DENISON, b. 8 Jan. 1846; was a farmer, and d. 5 Sept. 1883 in Freedom, unmarried.
- 227. viii. HARMON JUDSON, b. 29 July 1849.

127. THEODORE ASHLEY (*Stephen*⁶⁹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), baptized 25 May 1800 in Westfield, Mass.; died 15 October 1855 in Springfield, Mass.; married in 1824 in ? West Springfield, Mass.,* CATHARINE FERRE, daughter of Capt. Charles and Eunice (Chapin) Ferre of West Springfield, who died in 1879 in Syracuse, N. Y.[†]

Theodore Ashley was a cabinet maker. He worked at his trade first in Springfield, Mass., removing in 1825 to Syracuse, N. Y. He returned to Springfield, and died there.

CHILDREN :†

- i. SARAH.
- ii. ELIZABETH ELY.
- iii. CHARLOTTE A.
- iv. CATHARINE.

128. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 January 1803 in Westfield, Mass.; died 28 July 1865 in West Springfield, Mass.; married 20 November 1828[‡] in Westfield, ELIZA CHAMPION, daughter of Hervey and Hannah (Ashley (345, vii)) Champion, born 31 October 1807 in West Springfield; died 27^s July 1864 in West Springfield.

William Ashley inherited the house and farm of his maternal uncle David Ashley (351), lying on the hill west of the "River Road" in Ashleyville in West Springfield, Mass. He settled on it, and was a prosperous farmer and a highly respected citi-

* He published intention of marriage in Springfield 10 Apr. 1824.

† By "Ely Genealogy," and the compiler has been unable to learn anything further about them.

‡ Correcting "Champion Genealogy," No. 262.

§ By gravestone and fam. rec., 21 by W. Spring. T. Rec.



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zen. His only surviving daughter, Mrs. Nichols, now resides in the old homestead.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- 228. i. HOMER, b. 22 Sept. 1829.
- ii. JULIA CORINTHIA, b. 9 Dec. 1831 ;* d. 6 Oct. 1876 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- 229. iii. WILLIAM DAVID, b. 15 May 1834.
- iv. A child, } twins, d. same day.
- v. HERVEY MARCELLUS, } b. 15 Aug. 1836 ; was a farmer and lived all his life on the homestead, where he d. 20 Oct. 1882, unmarried.
- vi. A child, b. 18 Apr. 1838 ; d. 20 Apr. 1838.
- vii. ELIZA JANE, b. 3 Apr. 1840 ; m. 30 Mar. 1865, Edwin Epaphroditus Nichols and resides on the homestead in West Springfield. The author is indebted to her for much assistance in collecting the records of her branch of the family. The figure standing at the gate in the photograph of the Ashley Homestead is Mrs. Nichols.
- viii. LUCY MARIA, b. 9† Apr. 1843 ; d. 9 Sept. 1848.
- ix. ELLA SUSANNAH, b. 1 Dec. 1844 ; d. 24 Aug. 1848.

129. JOSIAH DWIGHT ASHLEY (*Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁰, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 1 November 1804 in Westfield, Mass. ; died 25* January 1871 in Westfield ; married 21 May 1846 in Westfield, MARIA DEWEY, daughter of James and Lydia (Hisscock) Dewey, born 10 August 1808 in Westfield ; died 27 March 1888 in Westfield.

Josiah Dwight Ashley settled in his native place. He contracted for and built a section of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad near Westfield. He was not engaged actively in any business, however. His wife was a woman of means, which, with his own property, enabled him to live leisurely. He sold the place which had been his father's, and bought a brick house on Franklin Street, where he carried on farming on a small scale and passed the remainder of his life.

CHILD BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS. :

- i. EMMA JANE, b. 30 Apr. 1847 ; m. 14 Nov. 1866, Benson J. Hascall of Warehouse Point, Conn.

* Correcting 9 Sept. 1832 as furnished for "Champion Genealogy."

† Correcting 6 Apr. 1843 as furnished for "Champion Genealogy."

‡ By West. T. Rec. and fam. rec., 20 by Hampden Prob. Rec.

130. HENRY ASHLEY (*Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 December 1809 in Westfield, Mass.; died 5 January 1868 in Westfield; married 16 November 1835 in Blandford, Mass., MARY ANN BARTHOLOMEW, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Woodruff) Bartholomew, born 12 March 1816 in North Blandford, Mass.; died 15 December 1887 in Westfield.

Henry Ashley was born in the old Ashley homestead on Elm Street in Westfield, and lived there until he moved to his farm on Franklin Street, where he resided at his death. He was one of the largest farmers in Westfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MAURICE BARTHOLOMEW, b. 30 Dec. 1836; was a farmer in Westfield, and d. there 7 Aug. 1858, unmarried.
 - ii. JANNETTE EMEGINE, b. 17 June 1839; d. 24 Aug. 1858 in Westfield, unmarried.
230. iii. HENRY WOODRUFF, b. 16 Feb. 1855.

131. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 May 1816 in Deerfield, Mass.; died 8 September 1895 in Deerfield; married 9 October 1844 in Whately, Mass.,* MARY SMITH, daughter of Asa and Judith (Graves) Smith, and sister of Eliza Smith who married his brother Joshua C. Ashley, born 20 December 1817 in Whately; resides in Deerfield with her nephew Charles H. Ashley.

Jonathan Ashley received his education at the public schools and academy in his native town. With the exception of two years spent in the West, his whole life was passed on the old homestead of his great-grandfather Rev. Jonathan Ashley. After the death of his father, he and his brother Thomas redeemed the farm from debt, in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties. Shortly afterward he bought his brothers' interests, and, by hard work and frugality, held all the old land and made important additions to it. He built a new and more convenient house, using the old original one, still in a good state of preservation, as a tobacco warehouse.

* Also recorded in Springfield, Mass.



Jonathan Ashley

In February, 1881, his nephew Charles H. Ashley (234), who had lived with him since he was fifteen, became associated with him in farming, and their united efforts made the farm one of the largest in the town.

Mr. Ashley in his prime was one of the "river gods" in influence, and was characterized by that sturdy frugality which marked the early settlers. He was an orthodox farmer in every sense of the word, and was held in the highest respect in the town and community. Of a retiring nature, he avoided all public positions, but was prevailed upon in 1879 to act as a selectman of the town for two years, positively refusing a third nomination. Ever wishing to help the poor and needy, he lost thousands of dollars through his readiness to assist others when in trouble. It could truthfully be said of him that his word was as good as his bond. He spent the last four years of his life in retirement from active business, and at his death his nephew Charles H. Ashley inherited all his property.

CHILD BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ELIHU, b. 2 Oct. 1851; d. 11 Jan. 1859.

132. JOSHUA CROSBY ASHLEY (*Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 18 March 1818 in Deerfield, Mass.; resides in Deerfield (P. O. Bassett), Iowa; married, 1st, in April 1844 in Deerfield, Mass., DELIA SMITH, daughter of Stephen and Lois (————) Smith, born 28 November 1822 in Deerfield; died 4 January 1845 in Deerfield. He married, 2d, 15 August 1849 in Chicopee, Mass., ELIZA SMITH, daughter of Asa and Judith (Graves) Smith, and sister of Mary Smith who married his brother Jonathan Ashley, born 12 January 1814 in Brookfield, Vt.

Joshua Crosby Ashley settled on a farm in his native place and lived there until 1854. That year he, with his brother Thomas and other Deerfield people, emigrated to Chicasaw County, Iowa, and settled in a township which they named Deerfield in memory of their old Massachusetts home. He at present resides on his farm in that place.

CHILDREN : *

By first wife :

- i. A son, b. — Déc. 1844 ; d. aged 10 days.

By second wife :

- ii. DELIA ELIZA, b. 9 May 1850 ; m. 2 July 1869, William Albert Gould and resides in Waukegan, Ill.
 231. iii. FRANKLIN KENDRICK, b. 31 Aug. 1851.
 232. iv. AUSTIN CROSBY, b. 13 Nov. 1852.
 v. ELLEN MARIA, b. 31 July 1854 ; m. 21 Sept. 1879, Samuel Turner Gerry and resides in Waukegan.
 233. vi. JOHN GEORGE, b. 13 Mar. 1857.

133. THOMAS WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 January 1822 in Deerfield, Mass. ; died 28 January 1888 in Deerfield, Iowa ; married, 1st, 9 October 1844 in Bernardstown, Mass., MARIETTA HOYT, daughter of Theodore Barnard and Sophia (Whipple) Hoyt, born 4 September 1824 in Bernardstown ; died 18 August 1849 in Deerfield, Mass. He married, 2d, 13 November 1851 in Greenfield, Mass., LUCINDA HINSDALE LARRABEE, daughter of Hart and Fannie (Hinsdale) Larrabee, born 7 June 1822 in Greenfield ; died 17 February 1870 in Deerfield, Iowa.

Thomas Williams Ashley received his education in the schools of his native town and at Power's Institute in Bernardstown, Mass. He resided in Deerfield until 1854, when, with other Deerfield people, he removed to Iowa and settled in a township in Chickasaw County which they named Deerfield in honor of their Massachusetts home.

The country being new, and land cheap, Mr. Ashley made the mistake, like so many others of the early settlers, of buying all the land he could. Consequently, the cheapness of grain and the distance from market (80 miles) made it uphill work farming ; and, after a few severe winters and a crop famine, he found himself with land enough for a small colony, for which there was no sale, or profit in tilling. He continued farming there, however, and lived there the rest of his life, only once, in 1875, revisiting his birthplace.

* The first four born in Deerfield, Mass., the next in Durand, Ill., the last in Deerfield, Iowa.

Mr. Ashley was an honest, upright man, and a devout Christian, and did much to promote the cause of religion in the town. He was a member of Goodwill Lodge, No. 246 A. F. and A. M., of Chickasaw, Iowa.

CHILDREN. : *

By first wife :

- i. MARIETTA HOYT†, b. 6 Dec. 1847 ; d. 3 June 1850.
- ii. A son, b. 6 Aug. 1849 ; d. that day.

By second wife :

- iii. MARIETTA, b. 7 Jan. 1852 ; m. 3 May 1870, Albert W. McAlpin of Marble Rock, Iowa.
- iv. FANNIE, b. 8 Nov. 1853 ; m. 25 Nov. 1873, Martin Van Buren Beard and resides in Deerfield, Iowa.
- v. THOMAS WILLIAMS, b. — Jan. 1856 ; d. 3 Oct. 1860.
- vi. ELIHU CLINTON, b. — Feb. 1859 ; d. 16 Mar. 1859.
- 234. vii. CHARLES HART, b. 13 Feb. 1860.
- viii. MARY ELIZA, b. 9 Sept. 1862 ; m. 24 Jan. 1885, Herbert Larabee and resides in Fayetteville, Ark.
- 235. ix. WILLIAM LINCOLN, b. 11 Apr. 1865.

134. JOSEPH ABBOT ASHLEY (*Thomas W.*⁷³, *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 3 March 1835 in Deerfield, Mass. ; died 23 February 1895 in Deerfield ; married 16 May 1867 in Deerfield, JULIA JACKSON MUNN, daughter of Philo and Lovilla (Barrett) Munn, born 9 April 1846 in Deerfield ; resides in Deerfield.

Joseph Abbot Ashley was a farmer and lived all his life in his native place. He was crippled for life by the premature discharge of a cannon on July 4, 1876, and had been ill for two years previous to his death.

NO CHILDREN.

135. ELIHU ASHLEY (*Robert W.*⁷³, *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 11 November 1809 in Lyons, N. Y. ; died 12 January 1864 in Detroit, Mich. ; married 15 April 1835 in New York City, CATHERINE ANDERSON, daughter of John and Nancy (Pierson) Anderson, born 12 April 1815 in New York City ; died 12 April 1887 in Detroit.

* The first four born in Deerfield, Mass., the others in Deerfield, Iowa.

† Recorded *Lydia Sophia*.

Elihu Ashley, when a young man, was a clerk in a dry goods store on Broadway, New York City. He returned to Lyons, his native place, in 1841, and soon after settled in Detroit, Mich. He there learned the trade of a carpenter and followed it the rest of his life in that city.

CHILDREN :*

- i. JOHN ANDERSON, b. 5 Apr. 1836 ; was a sailor out of New York for twenty years. During the Civil War he was a seaman on the U. S. Steamer *Michigan*, which was stationed on the Lakes. He now resides in Detroit, Mich. He is unmarried.
- ii. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 3 Sept. 1839 ; was a fireman on the Michigan Central Railroad, and was instantly killed by the explosion of his locomotive, due to the carelessness of the engineer it is said, 12 October 1859 in Detroit, Mich. He was unmarried.
- iii. JAMES FREDERICK, b. 10 July 1841 ; was a carpenter, and d. 12 Nov. 1887 in Detroit, unmarried.
- iv. MARY ANDERSON, b. 14 Oct. 1846 ; m. 23 Mar. 1864, William Allen Stewart and resides in Detroit.
- v. ELIHU, b. 3 Oct. 1849 ; d. 4 Oct. 1859.
- vi. CLARISSA, b. 16 Mar. 1857 ; m. 30 Sept. 1882, Samuel Bright Bennett and resides in Wamputh, Canada.

136. SAMUEL JONES ASHLEY (*Robert W.¹³, Elihu¹³, Jonathan²¹, Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 13 February 1811 in Lyons, N. Y. ; resides in Davison, Mich. ; married 27 March 1841 in Atlas, Mich., HELEN WYLIE, daughter of George and Nancy (Rutherford) Wylie, born 22 October 1810 in Kinross, Scotland.

Samuel Jones Ashley is one of the early pioneers of Michigan, having emigrated to that State in 1837. He settled in Davison, Genesee County, where he has since been engaged in farming.

CHILDREN BORN IN DAVISON, MICH. :

- i. NANCY RUTHERFORD, b. 2 Feb. 1842 ; m. 17 Nov. 1869, Simeon Rexford Billings and resides in Davison.
236. ii. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 13 Oct. 1844.
237. iii. RIVINGSTON, b. 13 Mar. 1847.
- iv. ANNA ELIZA, b. 8 May 1848 ; m. 15 Oct. 1874, Byron Ethelbert Moss and resides in Davison.

* The first two born in New York City, the next in Lyons, N. Y., and the others in Detroit, Mich.

137. WILLIAM FREDERICK ASHLEY (*Robert W.*⁷³, *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 November 1814 in Lyons, N. Y.; died 14 December 1894 in Lyons; married 18 February 1836 in Lyons, ELIZA JANE DENTON, daughter of John Waller and Lucinda (Hall) Denton, born 25 January 1816 in Sempronius, N. Y.; resides in Lyons.

William Frederick Ashley settled in his native town and lived there all his life. After his marriage he went to live in the home in which he died, on William Street immediately north of the schoolhouse. He held several responsible positions, including postmaster, canal superintendent, and offices given to him by the citizens of the town and village. He was one of the best liked, best known, and most exemplary citizens of the village. He was a man unostentatious in manner and kind in heart, who bore no ill will towards his fellow men, and cared more for peace and comfort than for any of the pleasures obtained by strife and bickering. The sincerity of his friendship was one of Mr. Ashley's strong characteristics, and he consulted his friends' wishes as he would his own.

In politics Mr. Ashley was a brave, cautious partisan, never deviating from the Democratic chart, nor neglecting his party's compass. His positions were thoughtfully taken and boldly defended. He was never surprised or deluded. For many years he was looked upon as the most intelligent political prophet in Wayne County.

Mr. Ashley's death was due to old age, but to the last he maintained his faculties and was a most intelligent conversationalist, especially upon subjects relating to the past history of Lyons.

NO CHILDREN.

138. ROBERT WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Robert W.*⁷³, *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 8 October 1817 in Lyons, N. Y.; died 12 December 1863 in Lyons; married 22 September 1850 in Sodus, N. Y., HELEN MARR TERRY, daughter of Horace Geer and Emily (Wood) Terry, born 12 December 1825 in Sodus; resides in Lyons.

Robert Williams Ashley settled as a lawyer in his native village and lived there all his life.

CHILDREN BORN IN LYONS, N. Y. :

- 238. i. WILLIAM FREDERICK, b. 30 Sept. 1851.
- 239. ii. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 14 Jan. 1854.
- iii. CHARLES HORACE, b. 17 Nov. 1855 ; is a carpenter and builder in Lyons. He is unmarried.
- iv. MARY WILLIAMS, b. 16 Aug. 1858 ; resides in Lyons, unmarried.
- v. HELEN EMILY, b. 8 Apr. 1860 ; m. 4 Aug. 1885, Francis H. Gardner and resides in Lyons.
- vi. HORATIO SEYMOUR, b. 20 Nov. 1862 : is an electrician and resides in Pittsburg, Pa. He is unmarried.

139. JAMES RUMSEY ASHLEY (*Abner*⁷⁴, *Abner*⁴⁴, *Ebenezer*²³, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 10 April 1829 in Bethany, N. Y. ; resides in Prescott, Ariz. ; married 23 October 1856 in Dixon, Ill., ALMA SOPHIA STEDMAN, daughter of Enos Canfield and Mary Dye (Woolverton) Stedman, born 27 July 1835 in Owego, N. Y.

James Rumsey Ashley entered a general store in East Bethany, N. Y., as a clerk in May, 1850. In October, 1854, he engaged in the dry goods business in Dixon, Ill., and remained there nearly five years, removing in September, 1859, to Morrison, Ill., where he continued in the same business until 1875. In 1876 he removed to Emerson, Iowa, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a general store. He came to Prescott, Ariz., his present residence, in October, 1883, since which time he has been connected with a general store there, having been accountant since September, 1888.

Mr. Ashley was a member of the city council while a resident in Morrison, Ill. He was baptized and joined the Baptist church in Bethany, N. Y., in June, 1843, at the age of fourteen. He has been Sunday-school superintendent and bible class teacher, and is at present a deacon in the Baptist church in Prescott, Ariz.

CHILDREN :

- i. CLARA STEDMAN, b. 10 Sept. 1858 in Dixon, Ill. ; m. 8 Nov. 1882. John Thomas Whitsey and resides in Geneva, Ohio.
- ii. CHARLES EMORY, b. 3 May 1867 in Morrison, Ill. ; is an accountant by profession and resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

140. JAMES GOODWIN ASHLEY (*Solomon W.*⁷⁶, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 1 November 1803 in Lemington, Vt. ; died 2 December 1889 in Clare-

mont, N. H.; married 31 October 1822 in Newport, N. H., MARY TENNEY, daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Cheney) Tenney, born 3 December 1798 in Newport; died 29 January 1890 in Claremont.

James Goodwin Ashley was a farmer. After his marriage he took up his residence on the top of Green Mountain in the "Cat Hole" district of Claremont, N. H., then a flourishing part of the town. In 1840 he moved his family to "Slab City," where he lived one year, and then settled on the Capt. Nathan Story farm. He lived there until 1861, at which time he bought of George Wilson the neat double cottage on Main Street, Claremont Village, which was built in 1835 by Aaron Haven. There he resided the rest of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Claremont.

Mrs. Ashley joined the Old South Church in Newport in 1817 and was admitted by letter to the Claremont church in 1824. She was a district school teacher for the two years before her marriage. Her charity was liberal and her piety was evinced in her daily labors, and day or night she never refused to attend at the bedside of affliction. She was celebrated for her rag carpets, having been taught the art of weaving linen, cotton and woolen cloths at the age of fourteen, and rag carpets that she turned off her loom found their way to many parts of the West, New England and Canada. On her eighty-eighth birthday she put a new carpet on her loom and that year wove three hundred yards, cutting the rags for seventy-three yards herself. Up to her death her mind was unclouded and she read common print without glasses. Her physical health and strength were remarkable, and the day before her death she instructed her successor, to whom she had lent her loom, in the art of carpet weaving.

CHILDREN BORN IN CLAREMONT, N. H. :

- i. ELLEN MARION, b. 21 Aug. 1824; m. 29 Apr. 1844, Chester Hilliard of Cornish, N. H.
- ii. FRANCES DIANTHA, b. 14 Mar. 1826; m. 6 Dec. 1848, Austin Corbin Griffin of Newport and Walpole, N. H.
- iii. JOHN RUSH, b. 19 Mar. 1832; d. 17 May 1835.
- iv. LUCIA ANN, b. 30 May 1834; d. 3 Sept. 1837.
- v. JAMES RUSH, b. 19 Feb. 1839; d. 15 Aug. 1839.

141. NATHANIEL ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁸⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born ——— 1803 in Danville, Vt.; died ——— 1840 in Waterloo, Wis.; married ——— 1825, ALMIRA TUCKER, a native of Rhode Island.

Nathaniel Ashley came in boyhood with his father to Springville, Pa. He emigrated to Waterloo, Grant County, Wis., where he lived the rest of his life. He was a farmer and a very quiet man in his tastes.

CHILDREN :*

- i. HANNAH, m. Henry Adams of Mount Hope, Wis.
- ii. WILLIAM, }
- iii. JOEL, } went to California soon after their father's death.
- iv. LYDIA, m. James Mahon of Lancaster, Wis.
- v. DANIEL, d. 1883 in North Andover, Wis., leaving a large family.
- vi. WILLIS, was a soldier in the Civil War, being a private in Company K, Twenty-fifth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, which rendezvoused early in September, 1862, at La Crosse, Wis. The regiment was first stationed as a protection against the Indians, and then took part in the Vicksburg campaign. He d. 6 Aug. 1863, a month after the surrender, in Paducah, Ky. He was unmarried.

142. CHARLES ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁸⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 June 1807 in Danville, Vt.; died 9 October 1865 in Stockton, Cal.; married, 1st, 6 March 1831 in Springville, Pa., HANNAH BLAKESLEE, daughter of Zopher and Clarinda (Whitmore) Blakeslee, born 1 May 1805 in Springville; died 4 June 1852 on the plains, near Fort Laramie, while on the way to California. He married, 2d, 29 April 1855 in Stockton, MARGARET CURRY, who died 14 September 1865 in Stockton.

Charles Ashley was brought, in boyhood, by his father to Springville, Pa. He married and lived there until 1834, removing in 1836 to Mauch Chunk, Pa.; then to Rockport, Pa.; and in 1888 to Reading, Pa., where he lived about one year. The following summer he went to Waterloo, Wis., where other members of his family settled, and lived there nearly ten years. In 1852 he emigrated to Stockton, Cal., where he resided the

* Descendants failed to answer the compiler's letters.

rest of his life. He was in the livery business for a number of years, but, after settling in California, gave his attention to farming and stock-raising.

CHILDREN :*

By first wife :

- i. ROCCENA, b. 29 Dec. 1834; d. 5 Mar. 1839.
- ii. SARAH CATHERINE, b. 28 Aug. 1837; m. 21 Sept. 1855, John E. McKenzie of Stockton, Cal.
- 240. iii. EDWIN LUCIUS, b. 15 Oct. 1840.
- 241. iv. CHARLES ALBERT, b. 2 Mar. 1843.
- 242. v. ROBERT ASA, b. 21 June 1846.

143. OLIVER ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁴⁸, *Samuel*²⁸, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 January 1811 in Danville, Vt.; died 12[†] May 1839 in Claremont, N. H.; married in January 1833 in Claremont, CATHERINE AINSWORTH, daughter of Walter and Rosamond (Blodgett) Ainsworth, born 11 November 1812 in Claremont; died 13 December 1888 in Claremont.

Oliver Ashley did not accompany his father to Pennsylvania, but was left in Claremont, under the care of relatives. He had been named for his great-uncle Capt. Oliver Ashley, who left him a valuable farm, situated on the Connecticut River near Ashley's ferry in Claremont, on condition that he was to live in that town under the care of a guardian who should look after him and his property until he was twenty-one years of age.

He was educated at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N. H. He came into his property on reaching his majority, and immediately after his marriage went to live on his farm, where he continued to reside until his death.

CHILDREN BORN IN CLAREMONT, N. H. :

- i. FRANCES ROSAMOND, b. 10 Jan. 1834; m. 15 Sept. 1858, Capt. Selah Dustin of Detroit, Mich.
- 243. ii. WALTER OLIVER, b. 26 Oct. 1835.
- iii. MARY ANN, b. 2 Aug. 1837; m. 11 Aug. 1862, Willard Wilton Smith and resides in Claremont.

* The first born in Mauch Chunk, Pa., the next in Reading, Pa., and the others in Waterloo, Wis.

† By fam. rec., 14 by "Grave Stone Records of Claremont."

144. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁶⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 June 1813 in Claremont, N. H.; resides in Dubuque, Iowa; married 24 October 1843 in Bellevue, Mich., SARAH ANN CHAFFEE, daughter of Sanford and Mary Ann (Ballantine) Chaffee, born 28 February 1821 in Leicester Hill, Mass.

Samuel Ashley left home at the age of twenty-one, and spent two years in Upper Canada. In 1836 he came to his present residence, then known as the Galena Lead Mines. There were few inhabitants except Indians, and the whole country was then Wisconsin Territory. Since his sojourn there, he has seen the vast unoccupied prairies converted into fields of wheat, barley, oats and corn, and has seen Chicago grow from a few houses to its present magnitude. His occupation has been farming and lumbering.

Mr. Ashley has been elected to a number of town and county offices. He writes a firm, clear hand, and is not compelled to use glasses. His portrait shows him at the age of eighty-two years.

NO CHILDREN.

145. LUCIUS ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁶⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 May 1815 in Claremont, N. H.; died 15 February 1873 in Mauch Chunk, Pa.; married 29 January 1843, in Mount Laffee, Schuylkill Co., Pa., CAROLINE BEADLE, daughter of John and Jennie (Lowthaine) Beadle, born 9 March 1821 in Middleton, County Durham, England; resides with her eldest son in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Lucius Ashley was brought, in infancy, by his parents to Springville, Pa., and from there went to Grant County, Wisconsin, with other members of his family. He was for several years in the employ of the American Fur Company in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and then returned to Pennsylvania. After his marriage he lived some years in Nesquehoning, Pa., and then removed to Mauch Chunk, Pa., where he passed the rest of his life. While residing in the latter place, he was engaged in the business of building boats for use on the Lehigh Canal, and later in the lime business.



Samuel Ashby

CHILDREN : *

- 244. i. HERBERT HENRY, b. 1 Dec. 1843.
- ii. ELLEN BATHSHEBA, b. 19 Mar. 1848; m. 25 June 1868, Asa Robert Beers and resides in Mauch Chunk, Pa.
- 245. iii. ROLLIN ROBERT, b. 15 Mar. 1851.
- iv. CAROLINE BLAKESLEE, b. 13 Mar. 1857; d. 1 June 1857.
- v. MARY ALICE, b. 11 May 1859; d. 29 Dec. 1864.

146. WILLIAM DRINKER ASHLEY (*Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 May 1819 in Springville, Pa.; died 11 July 1890 in Stockton, Cal.; married 4 January 1853 in Waterloo, Wis., ANGELINE JACKSON, daughter of Judson and Elizabeth (Denton) Jackson, born 27 October 1830 in Dunkirk, N. Y.; resides in Stockton.

William Drinker Ashley, at the age of seventeen, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Michigan and from there drove a team for a brother-in-law to a mill on Grant River in the wilds of Wisconsin Territory. Part of the way was over corduroy roads, but often he had to cut his way through the wilderness. Later, he moved to Iowa and built a mill on Turkey River on the Indian reservation. He owned land in St. Paul, Minn., when it was a small village, and followed rafting down the Mississippi until 1849.

When the gold fever broke out, he struck out for California, arriving there in 1850. Not meeting with luck in the mines, he took up blacksmithing in Stockton. He made money and bought a piece of land on the Calaveras River, San Joaquin County, having to buy the Spanish as well as the private title. He then returned to Wisconsin to be married, and recrossed the plains with his wife. He continued to add to his farm till he owned 460 acres with commodious outbuildings and a modern dwelling 42 feet front and 84 feet deep, with beautiful grounds and an orchard. He raised and sold many high-priced Morgan Black Hawk horses, and paid \$3,000 for a half interest in the Hambletonian "David Hill." He was one of the first to import Spanish merino sheep from Vermont at high figures, but clover burrs were bad in the fleece, and the removal of the tariff on wool ruined the business.

* The first three born in Nesquehoning, Pa., the others in East Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Mr. Ashley was foremost in all public enterprises. He helped organize the San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Society, of which he was a life member and for many years a director. Strong in his convictions, he took a deep interest in the life of the government, and rejoiced that he lived to see the North and South reunited. In 1888, being weakened by nose bleed, he left the farm and bought a quarter of a block in Stockton, where he built a residence and lived until his death two years later.

Mr. Ashley was a typical pioneer. He was a man of fine personal appearance, and of sterling honesty and fixedness of purpose.

CHILDREN BORN IN STOCKTON, CAL.:

- i. MARY ALICE, b. 20 Sept. 1858; is a trained nurse in the Homeopathic Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y. She is unmarried.
- 246. ii. GEORGE WILLIAM, b. 21 Aug. 1861.
- 247. iii. ARTHUR HENRY, b. 17 Feb. 1865.
- iv. GRACE ALTHEA, b. 31 Aug. 1872; m. 29 June 1892, George Calvin Marlow, D.D.S., and resides in Bloomington, Wis.

147. HENRY ASHLEY (*Henry*⁷⁸, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 March 1819 in Catskill, N. Y.; resides in New York City; married 22 September 1841 in Catskill, ANN ELIZA CROSBY, daughter of Elkanah and Flaviva (Harris) Crosby, born 14 May 1821 in Catskill; died 27 May 1885 in Catskill.

Henry Ashley resides in New York City.*

CHILDREN BORN IN CATSKILL, N. Y.:

- i. SUSAN, b. 27 Oct. 1844;
 - ii. FLORENCE, b. 8 Aug. 1847;
 - iii. HENRY PERCY, b. 12 June 1861;
- } reside with their father in
} New York City, unmarried.

148. GEORGE ASHLEY (*Henry*⁷⁸, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 November 1820 in Catskill, N. Y.; died 11 April 1891 in Montclair, N. J.; married 3 November 1846 in Little Falls, N. Y., HELEN MARGARET LIVINGSTON NOLTON, daughter of Judge Hiram and Dorothea

* Failed to furnish a biographical sketch.

(Livingston) Nolton, born 15 August 1823 in Fairfield, N. Y.; resides in Montclair.

George Ashley was in business in New York City, but had retired, and, at the time of his death, was residing at his home in Montclair, N. J.

CHILDREN BORN IN LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.:

- 248. i. GEORGE NOLTON, b. 5 Sept. 1850.
- ii. MARY LIVINGSTON, b. ——— 18 —; resides in Montclair, N. J., unmarried.

149. CLARENCE ASHLEY (*Henry*⁷³, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁷⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 24 July 1824 in Catskill, N. Y.; died 1 January 1878 in Rochester, N. Y.; married 6 January 1852 in Ogdensburg, N. Y., EMILY FRANCES FAIRCHILD, daughter of Egbert and Julia Elizabeth (Strong) Fairchild, born 16 October 1832* in Ogdensburg; died 17 April 1875 in Rochester.

Clarence Ashley was educated in his native village, and in 1844 went to New York City to enter a wholesale grocery house to learn that business. About 1850 he moved to Ogdensburg, N. Y., and with his brother Charles established a hardware business, with which he was connected in different places until his death. In 1854 he removed to Brookville, Canada West, and from there to Binghamton, N. Y., about 1860, residing in that city until 1872. He then removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he continued to reside until his death.

Mr. Ashley was an active member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which all of his children are also members. He was a man of genial manners, devoted to his wife and family, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

CHILDREN:

- i. EMILY FRANCES, b. 13 Oct. 1852 in Ogdensburg, N. Y.; d. 23 Feb. 1889 in Rochester, N. Y., unmarried.
- 249. ii. EGBERT FAIRCHILD, b. 8 Jan. 1856 in Brockville, Canada West.
- iii. CLARENCE TYRON, b. 10 Mar. 1859 in Brockville; was educated in Binghamton and Rochester. Since reaching manhood, he has traveled for various business houses until recently, when he entered the office of the Commissioner of Accounts in New York City, his present residence. He is unmarried.

*By fam. rec., 1831 by "Strong Genealogy."

- iv. EDITH SOMERVILLE, b. 22 Aug. 1864 in Binghamton, N. Y.; resides in Rochester, unmarried.
- v. HARRIET JAMES, b. 2 Sept. 1866 in Binghamton; resides in Rochester, unmarried.
- vi. WALLACE OSBORNE, b. 29 Jan. 1875 in Rochester, N. Y.; was educated in Rochester, and recently entered the insurance office of his eldest brother in that city. He is unmarried.

150. CHARLES ASHLEY (*Henry*⁷⁸, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁷⁵, *Daniel*⁷, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 December 1827 in Catskill, N. Y.; resides in Ogdensburg, N. Y.; married, 1st, 4 February 1852 in Ogdensburg, VIRGINIA CECILIA SEARLE, daughter of Rudolphus Dickens and Dolly (Parks) Searle, born 29 August 1834 in LaFayette, N. Y.; died 28 November 1886 in Ogdensburg. He married, 2d, 27 December 1888 in Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. GERTRUDE (SEARLE) DART, widow of George William Dart, and a younger sister of his first wife, born 1 May 1842 in Ogdensburg.

Charles Ashley settled in Ogdensburg, N. Y., and in 1850 with his brother Clarence established a hardware business there, with which he has continued to be connected. He is president of the Ashley Hardware and Iron Company of that city, and is senior warden of St. John's Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN OGDENSBURG, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. HELEN LANSING, b. 13 Dec. 1853; d. 7 Feb. 1855.
- ii. VIRGINIA SEARLE, b. 18 Nov. 1855.
- iii. SUSAN VAN VOORHIS, b. 7 Nov. 1857; m. 23 Nov. 1882. Chilian P. Conger and resides in Port Huron, Mich.
- iv. CHARLES HENRY, b. 4 Apr. 1860; is in business with his father. He is unmarried.

- v. LOUISE HILL, b. 16 May 1864; is unmarried.
- vi. GEORGE DART,

twins,
b. 25 May 1866;

was graduated at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, and ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church on June 13, 1896. Rev. Mr. Ashley's address is St. Peter's (P. E.) Church, 20th Street and 9th Avenue, New York City. He is unmarried.

- vii. GERTRUDE DART,

151. CARLOS COOPER ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁷⁵, *Daniel*⁶, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 23 January 1805 in Whitestown, N. Y.; died 31 August 1884 in Cresco, Iowa; married 24 June 1829 in Nunda, N. Y., HELEN MESSENGER, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Beale) Messenger, born 7 September 1805 in Pompey Hollow, N. Y.; died 28 March 1896 in Cresco.

Carlos Cooper Ashley learned the trade of a currier and tanner in Catskill, N. Y., and worked at it in Palmyra, N. Y. He then went into business for himself in Gaines, N. Y., in 1829, removing three years later to Nunda, N. Y., where he continued in business until 1856. In 1857 he emigrated to Wisconsin and settled on a farm near Fox Lake. He was engaged in farming there until 1859, when he removed to Cresco, Howard County, Iowa, where he continued farming the remainder of his life. Mr. Ashley united with the Baptist church at Gaines, N. Y., in 1830. He held several offices in Iowa, being a county commissioner, township trustee, justice of the peace, and member of the school board.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN NUNDA, N. Y.:

- 250. i. DANIEL CLARENCE, b. 19 Aug. 1830 in Gaines, N. Y.
- ii. FRANCES CAROLINE, b. 3 May 1833; d. 19 Aug. 1835.
- iii. CHARLES BYRON, b. 9 May 1835; d. 14 Sept. 1838.
- iv. FRANCES CAROLINE, b. 9 Oct. 1838; m. 25 May 1864, Giles Young of Dubuque, Iowa, and resides in Tracy, Minn.
- 251. v. CHARLES BARRON, b. 18 July 1841.
- vi. MARY ALMIRA, b. 4 May 1844; m. 28 Dec. 1868, Myron Wormly and resides in Oswego, Ill.
- 252. vii. EDWARD MESSENGER, b. 17 Nov. 1848.

152. DANIEL DRURY ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁷⁵, *Daniel*⁶, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 August 1810 in Whitestown, N. Y.; died 3 January 1893 in Fox Lake, Wis.; married 6 September 1832 in Nunda, N. Y., CLARISSA BUTTERFIELD, daughter of Jonathan and Clarissa (Parsons) Butterfield, born 27 July 1812 in Rodman, N. Y.; died 4 November 1894 in Fox Lake.

Daniel Drury Ashley was a farmer. He settled in Nunda, N. Y., where he had come in boyhood with his parents. In the spring of 1845 he and his brother Henry went to Wisconsin.

sin to see the farm which their father had purchased in Fox Lake township. They returned to New York in the autumn, and in the summer of 1846 he removed with his family to Fox Lake and settled on a farm of 108 acres on July 10th. He continued to reside there, engaged in farming, the rest of his life, a period of nearly fifty years.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT VI) BORN IN NUNDA, N. Y. :

- i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 11 Oct. 1833; was a farmer in Fox Lake, Wis., and d. there 17 Apr. 1863, unmarried.
- 253. ii. COOPER NATHANIEL, b. 25 Dec. 1835.
- iii. HETTY CLARISSA, b. 26 Sept. 1837; d. 23 July 1840.
- iv. HETTY COOPER, b. 10 May 1840; m. 15 Nov. 1866, Milton H. Parmaly and resides in Albuquerque, N. Mex.
- v. SYLVIA MARIA, b. 2 Apr. 1842; m. 28 May 1864, Lorenzo D. Clark and resides in Stoughton, Wis.
- vi. ALICE AMELIA, b. 11 Dec. 1848 in Fox Lake; d. 10 Mar. 1849.

153. HENRY HAWKS ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 23 November 1811 in Whitestown, N. Y.; died 8 March 1885 in Hamilton, Minn.; married 25 May 1846 in Nunda, N. Y., TERENCIA MESSENGER, daughter of Russell and Mary Mehitable (Hill) Messenger, born 24 May 1821 in Portage, N. Y.; died 29 September 1893 at the home of her son in Spring Valley, Minn.

Henry Hawks Ashley came in childhood with his parents to Nunda, N. Y., and after he had grown up was engaged in the tanning business there. In the summer of 1846 he went with his wife to Fox Lake, Wis., where he engaged in farming. In 1856 he removed to Hamilton, Minn., where he resided the remainder of his life. He was a generous man, and was highly respected wherever he had lived.

CHILDREN BORN IN FOX LAKE, WIS. :

- 254. i. LEWIS MESSENGER, b. 17 Sept. 1847.
- ii. HATTIE ANGELINE, b. 9 Oct. 1849; m. 15 Mar. 1873, Frederic E. Heath and resides in Pleasant Grove, Minn.
- iii. CHARLOTTE AMELIA, b. 8 Dec. 1852; m. 1 Jan. 1874, Beecher Armstrong of Hamilton, Minn.

154. OLIVER ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*⁷⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 November 1821 in

West Bloomfield, N. Y.; resides in Madelia, Minn.; married 1 August 1866 in Randolph, Wis., MARY HARRIS, daughter of Henry and Ann (Scoville) Harris, born 8 January 1850 in Vestal, N. Y.

Oliver Ashley worked on his father's farm in Nunda, N. Y., till he was fifteen, and then entered the store of Barron & Britton in Nunda, N. Y., where he continued about ten years. In June, 1845, he and his mother and sister followed the rest of the family to Fox Lake, Dodge County, Wis. He soon returned to New York, but in 1847 went back to Fox Lake. He built a shanty and worked in the woods two years among the Indians. During the Civil War he was enrolling officer and agent for the town, went to Milwaukee, and paid \$9,000 to thirty men to complete the draft. The town lost fifteen men in the army, seven of them young men who had worked for him. He was elected chairman of the town board, and in 1863 and 1865 was a member of the Legislature. His land tax was \$600. In 1868 he went to Beaver Dam, ten miles off. He there lent money to A. P. Lawrence to build a store adjoining the one he then ran, with the idea of doing all the business in town. The office connected with both stores, and the business was so large that ten clerks were employed, and Mr. Ashley, who was bookkeeper and cashier, stood at his desk from twelve to fourteen hours a day. He was thus engaged for six years, when, finding such close work was affecting his eyes, he left the store. In 1875 he went to Texas, but finding the drought there worse than the Wisconsin winter, he came in 1876 to Ceresco, Blue Earth County, Minn., and bought a section of prairie and 2,500 acres of timber five miles off on the Watonwan River. He improved 400 acres and planted 100,000 young trees, 500 evergreens now ten feet high. The farm is considered an exceptionally fine one, and the live stock includes twenty-two horses and sixty cattle, mostly of the Angus hornless Scotch breed. Mr. Ashley has been chairman of the Ceresco town board, overseer of roads almost constantly, and treasurer of the school board twelve years. He at present resides in the village of Madelia, just over the line of Watonwan County, Minn.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN BEAVER DAM, WIS. :

- i. HENRY HARRIS, b. 22 June 1867 in Fox Lake, Wis.; d. 15 Oct. 1868.
- ii. HETTY, b. 8 Dec. 1868; m. 28 Sept. 1892. William Woodhall and resides in Ceresco, Minn.
- iii. FRANK, b. 22 Feb. 1870; was in the army three years in Montana, in Company C, 20th U. S. Infantry, and at present is engaged in farming with his brother in Ceresco. He is unmarried.
- iv. OLIVER PRATT, b. 20 July 1872; is engaged in farming with his brother. He is unmarried.
- v. KATE, b. 4 Oct. 1875.

155. YATES ASHLEY (*Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 10 September 1824 in West Bloomfield, N. Y.; resides in Pardeeville, Wis.; married 4 October 1855 in Wadsworth, Ohio, VIRGINIA MARIA PARDEE, daughter of John and Eunice (Chamberlin) Pardee, born 25 January 1835 in Wadsworth.

Yates Ashley was brought in infancy, in 1827, by his parents to the town of Nunda, N. Y., and there passed his boyhood and youth, attending the district school and afterwards the Nunda Literary Institute in Nunda village. In the spring of 1839 he commenced his business education as a clerk in the store of W. W. Whitcomb & Co., where he remained one year. He then accepted a position in the store of Herman L. Page of the same place, where he remained several years. In the month of April, 1844, he removed to Madison, Ind., and was in the employ of I. B. Whipple & Co. of that city until November of that year.

At that time the desire to visit the South became so strong, that he gave up his situation and spent some time in New Orleans and other Southern towns, but not finding anything to suit him, he concluded to return to the North. His former employer, Mr. Page, had removed to Milwaukee, Wis., and written him, asking him to go again into his store. At midnight, on a cold night in December, he landed from the Steamer "New England" at Evansville, Ind., and staged it up the Wabash River, through Lafayette, Logansport, Michigan City and Chicago, to Milwaukee, Wis., where he arrived early in January, 1845. Having learned that his father was in the West, looking up a location, he engaged to

meet him at Fox Lake, Wis., where he found a location every way desirable, and where they entered six hundred acres of land. The last of March Mr. Ashley returned to Milwaukee and entered the store of Mr. Page, where he remained until the spring of 1849. John S. Pardee, a brother of the lady whom he subsequently married, engaged him to come out to Pardeeville, Wis., and take charge of his business, he having commenced the erection of a grist mill and opened a small store.

Early in April, 1849, Mr. Ashley arrived in Pardeeville, which has been his home nearly all of the time since that year. In the fall of 1852, Mr. Pardee having failed in business, he went into the employ of S. Marsh & Co. at Whitewater, Wis., remaining with them a year, and then went to work for the La-Crosse R. R. Co., in the engineer corps, then engaged in locating the track between Milwaukee and La Crosse. He remained with the party until April, 1855, when he bought an interest in the water power in Pardeeville and commenced the completion of the mill, getting it in operation in November, 1856, since which time he has retained an interest in the business. In 1875 he acquired the interest of his late partner, John Pardee, in the property.

On March 3, 1869, Mr. Ashley was appointed a postal clerk between Milwaukee and La Crosse, and transferred to the Chicago and La Crosse line as head clerk. On November 21, 1879, he was transferred to the Oshkosh & Milwaukee route, and February 13, 1883, to the Green Bay and Milwaukee line. On April 23, 1885, he was relieved from service by Postmaster General Vilas on political grounds, being the first postal clerk in Wisconsin removed for that cause by the Cleveland administration.

Mr Ashley was elected a member of the Assembly for the third district of Columbia County, Wis., in November, 1862, for the session of the winter of 1863, being reelected and serving as a member the following year.

He was appointed a trustee of the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane by Gov. James T. Lewis April 5, 1865, for the term of three years, and was reappointed by Gov. Lucius Fairchild March 13, 1868, and served as trustee until the system was changed by the passage of the bill creating the Board of

Charities and Reform. Mr. Ashley has now retired from all active service in the political affairs of the county and State, but is still as strong a Republican as he was in war times, and is an advocate of a sound money system. He has expressed much interest in the preparation of this Genealogy and has been of great assistance to the compiler in collecting the records of his father's descendants.

CHILDREN BORN IN PARDEEVILLE, WIS.:

- i. JOHN STANLEY, b. 12 Sept. 1856; is agent of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. He is unmarried.
- ii. CARRIE FRANCES, b. 15 Mar. 1860; d. 11 Oct. 1863.
- iii. ERNEST PARTRIDGE, b. 15 Feb. 1862; is in the milling business with his father. He is unmarried.
255. iv. LOUIS PARDEE, b. 15 June 1868.
- v. JESSIE HELEN, b. 11 Aug. 1870; m. 16 Oct. 1890, Hiram Edwin Spear and resides in Pardeeville.

156. OSSIAN DOOLITTLE ASHLEY (*Seraph*^{so}, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born 9 April 1821 in Townshend, Vt.; resides in New York City; married 30 April 1845 in Boston, Mass., HARRIET AMELIA NASH, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Pierce) Nash, born 11 June 1823 in Dorchester, Mass.

Ossian Doolittle Ashley is President of the Wabash Railroad and resides in New York City. His ancestors, paternal and maternal, were of Puritan stock, and the early settlers of Westfield and Northfield, Mass., and of Claremont and Winchester, N. H., dating from 1640, running up the Connecticut Valley from New Haven. His great-grandfather fought at the battle of Bennington under General Stark, and his grandfather, Benjamin Doolittle, served under Washington, and was at West Point when Major Andre was taken. In 1824 his father's family moved to Boston, where the young man was educated with the intention of going through college; but his father having met with reverses in the timberland speculations of 1834 and 1835, the lad was obliged to leave his studies for a business life. He went into a wholesale drygoods house in 1835, and after eleven years' experience in that line became a member of the Boston Stock Exchange, and remained an active member until 1857, and its president during the last

two years, 1856 and 1857. He then moved to New York City, becoming a member of the New York Stock Exchange, in the active business of which he continued until 1875, when his attention was directed to the re-organization of the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad Company, in which many of his friends were stockholders. He succeeded in saving the stockholders from extinction by the threatened foreclosure of its blanket mortgage, and in effecting a re-organization, which was completed in 1878-79. The Company came to grief again in 1884, and again Mr. Ashley was active in effecting the re-organization under which the Wabash Railroad is now being successfully operated. In 1889 he was elected President of the Wabash Western, a part of the system, and in 1889 upon the reintegration of the original lines, he was made president of the new company, in which capacity he has since served. The litigation connected with this last re-organization was especially complicated and vexatious, involving as it did many mortgages and contracts of lease; some of which were hostile to the plans of the committee in charge of the proposed re-organization.

During this experience in the banking business in State and Wall streets, Mr. Ashley made an especial study of economical science, and was connected with the *Boston Journal* as its financial editor for a number of years. He was later a contributor to the *New York Tribune* in connection with the late Mr. Snow, and to the editorial columns of the *Boston Traveler* and the *Railway World* of Philadelphia. Since his connection with the Wabash Railroad, he has been a prolific writer on railway and business topics, as well as the silver question. A series of articles written by Mr. Ashley for the *Railway Age* of Chicago has been printed recently in book form, entitled "Railway Companies and their Employees."

During his residence in Boston, Mr. Ashley became Captain of the somewhat famous military corps called the Boston Light Infantry (Tigers), a relic of the last century in organization, its charter being dated in 1798. This military experience led Mr. Ashley to take a warm interest in the war preparations of 1861, and a few months later he joined an association called "The New York Rifles," organized for the purpose of training and preparing men for active service in the field. Of this Associa-

tion, H. Alden, a retired West Point graduate, was elected Colonel, Mr. John Jacob Astor Lieutenant Colonel, and Mr. Ashley Major. This Corps numbered four hundred men, and was thoroughly drilled for nearly a year in the manual of arms and school of the company. Most of this instruction devolved upon Major Ashley. From this Corps, thirty-eight of the members joined the army from time to time for active service as officers, among them being Generals Potter and de Trobriand. In 1862, having been elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the 37th Regiment New York National Guard, he accompanied that regiment to Baltimore, having been mustered into the United States service for three months. The same regiment was afterwards (1863) ordered to Pennsylvania with the Seventh and other New York regiments, to resist the Ewell invasion, shortly before the battle of Gettysburg; and in 1864 Mr. Ashley, having been elected Colonel, the regiment occupied the fortress on Staten Island, then called "Fort Richmond," relieving officers of the Volunteer Army, who were ordered to the front to take part in the final great movement under Generals Grant and Sherman, which was to be the closing feature in this great episode of national life.

CHILDREN :

- i. MARY FRANCES, b. 30 Apr. 1847 in Boston, Mass. ; m. 27 Aug. 1872, Edward Payson Bigelow and resides in Ridgewood, N. J.
- 256. ii. CLARENCE DEGRAND, b. 4 July 1851 in Boston.
- iii. JESSIE, b. 6 Aug. 1861 in New York City.
- iv. ANITA CAROLINA, b. 25 Feb. 1863 in New York City.

157. LUCIUS DOOLITTLE ASHLEY (*Seraph*⁶⁰, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 September 1825 in Boston, Mass. ; killed by the cars 10 December 1857 in Boston ; married 8 May 1847 in New York City, AGNES EDES FISKE, daughter of Luke and Susan Switzer (Piper) Fiske, born 6 December 1826 in Waltham, Mass. ; died 11 February 1892 in Waltham.

Lucius Doolittle Ashley was a broker in Boston, Mass. He was for many years a member of the Boston Light Infantry, and was a great favorite with his comrades. Mr. Ashley lost

his life by a most distressing accident. He resided in Waltham, and was in the habit of buying his papers at the Fitchburgh station on his way home from business. That afternoon he was a little late, and on coming out of the station found his train was moving. He ran after it and jumped on one of the platforms, but lost his balance and fell under the wheels; he was taken to the hospital, but died before morning.

CHILDREN BORN IN WALTHAM, MASS. :

- i. LIZZIE, b. 27 June 1852; m. Melvin Merriam Flint and resides in Waltham.*
- ii. LUKE FISKE, b. 29 Nov. 1853; resides in Newton, Mass.*
- iii. EDITH ADELAIDE, b. 29 Mar. 1856; m. 25 Oct. 1876, Clarence Llewelyn Wentworth and resides in Waltham.

158. WILLIAM AZRO ASHLEY (*William*⁶², *William S.*⁴⁹, *Martin*²⁸, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*², *David*², *Robert*¹), born 10 March 1820 in Hartland, Vt.; died 21 April 1884 in North Tunbridge, Vt.; married, 1st, during the latter part of October 1844, in Hartford, Vt., HARRIET MOORE, daughter of Samuel Humphrey and Eudotia (Fuller) Moore, born 22 September 1825 in Norwich, Vt.; died 20 March 1854 in Thetford Centre, Vt. He married, 2d, 5 June 1854 in Thetford, SUSAN ANGELINE MORSE, daughter of Elijah and Susanna (Gibson) Morse, born 1 December 1822 in Norwich, Vt.; resides in Hanover, N. H., they having been divorced. He married, 3d, in October 1867 in Randolph, Vt., Mrs. ARMINDA (WOODCOCK) LAIRD, widow of John Allen Laird, and daughter of John Day and Mira (Bullock) Woodcock, born 10 December 1831 in Marshfield, Vt.; died 6 May 1890 in Randolph.

William Azro Ashley was a farmer. He lived in Hartland, Hartford and Thetford, Vt., Columbia and Colebrook, N. H., and Royalton and Tunbridge, Vt.

CHILDREN:

By first wife:

- i. HARRIET ADELAIDE, b. 10 Apr. 1848 in Hartford, Vt.; m. 13 Aug. 1868, Thomas Foster Dodge of Manchester and Auburn, N. H.
- 257. ii. WILLIAM, b. 6 June 1853 in Thetford Centre, Vt.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

By second wife :

- iii. JOSEPH ORVILLE, b. 25 Sept. 1855 in Columbia, N. H. ; is with the John B. Varick Company, dealers in agricultural implements, etc., in Manchester, N. H. He is unmarried.
- iv. ISABEL AGNES, b. 2 Mar. 1858 in Colebrook, N. H. ; m. 9 Apr. 1885, George Washington Fisk and resides in Lynn, Mass.
- v. JENNIE LIZZIE, b. 13 June 1859 in Colebrook ; m. 1 May 1880, J. Allen Tilton and resides in Hanover, N. H.
- vi. EMMA, b. May 1860 in Thetford ; d. June 1860.
- 258. vii. DENIS ELMER, b. 5 Sept. 1862 in Hartland, Vt.
- viii. HOMER BATES, b. 21 Sept. 1863 in Hartland ; d. 11 Sept. 1864 in Hanover, N. H.

By third wife :

- ix. LILLIAN ALMA, b. 11 Nov. 1868 in Royalton, Vt. ; is proprietress of "The Ashley Toilet Parlors" in Pasadena, Cal. She is unmarried.
- x. EVERETT PORTER, b. 30 Aug. 1870 in South Royalton, Vt. ; is a wholesale and retail dealer in confectionery and Vermont maple sugar and syrup in Pasadena. Medal awarded at the World's Fair. He is unmarried.
- xi. EDWIN HARTWELL, b. 9 Nov. 1872 in South Royalton ; is in the dry goods business in Boston, Mass. He is unmarried.
- xii. EMMA ARMINDA, b. 4 Mar. 1874 in South Royalton ; is a professional nurse in Pasadena.

159. ZERA WRIGHT ASHLEY (*John^{sa}, Martin^{so}, Martin^{2s}, Daniel^b, Samuel^b, David^b, Robert^b*), born 25 April 1817 in Fair Haven, Vt. ; died 29 May 1891 in Hammond, Ind. ; married 16 May 1841 in Pokagon, Mich., ABIGAIL SIMPSON, daughter of James and Annie (Stevens) Simpson, born 19 April 1814 in Pembroke, N. H. ; resides in Dowagiac, Mich., being the last of the seventy-odd settlers of Pokagon.

Zera Wright Ashley on May 11, 1840, bought of his brother-in-law James Simpson 80 acres of land one and a half miles east of Pokagon, Cass County, Mich., where he settled with his wife and commenced farming. During the gold excitement in 1849, he left his family on the farm and went overland to California. He remained in Sacramento two years, experienced some hardships and secured some gold. Returning to his farm in Pokagon, he lived there until 1858, when he sold it and moved to the neighboring town of Dowagiac, Mich. He there formed a partnership, built a steam mill, and engaged in the sash, door and blind business. In about eight months

the mill with all its contents was burned, with no insurance, but another one was built to run by water. He continued in that business for eight years, then sold out and engaged in mercantile business with Thoder Witherell at Pokagon. A year later he sold out and bought a farm near his old home in Pokagon. He lived there several years, then sold it and bought a farm in Albion, Calhoun County, Mich., where he remained eight years. He then emigrated to Dakota and located on 160 acres of government land near Jamestown, remaining there seven years, when a stroke of paralysis compelled him to give up work, and he sold his farm and moved back to Dowagiac. He resided there until a year before his death, which occurred in Hammond, Ind.

Mr. Ashley was an industrious, hard-working man all his life, and had no dissipations of any kind. He was a life long Republican, a Free Mason, and a member of the Baptist Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN POKAGON, MICH.:

- i. HORACE LENZY, b. 25 Aug. 1842; resides in Los Angeles, Cal., unmarried.*
259. ii. GEORGE FOSTER, b. 30 Dec. 1844.
- iii. FRANK SIMPSON, b. 13 Dec. 1846; resides in Chatham, N. Y., unmarried.

* Horace Lenzy Ashley enlisted December 31, 1861, at Niles, Mich., in Company C, Twelfth Michigan Volunteers, and was at the battle of Shiloh; but, on account of disease of the lungs, brought on by lung fever, was discharged July 19, 1862. After leaving the army, he was engaged as a clerk in stores, or in any such light duties he was strong enough to perform, until August, 1868. He then commenced selling sewing machines in Cass County, Mich., where he spent a year, and then went to Chicago, Ill., and entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company. He was there five years, and then five years in Minneapolis, Minn., with the same company. He next went to Jamestown, Dak., located some government land, and opened up a farm, remaining on it seven years. He then sold it, and since then has not been engaged in any occupation. From the day he left the army until the present time Mr. Ashley has been unable to do any laborious work, on account of lung disease contracted in the army. He lived in Denver, Col., for a time, but in the fall of 1890 he went to California for his health, and has lived there most of the time since then.

160. LUCIUS FOSTER ASHLEY (*John*⁵³, *Martin*⁵⁰, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 September 1824 in Fair Haven, Vt.; resides in Sacramento, Cal.; married 20 June 1850 in Pittsford, Vt., LOUISE CATHERINE HAYWARD, daughter of Samuel Berge and Abigail (Kellum) Hayward, born 30 May 1828 in Clarendon, Vt.

Lucius Foster Ashley at the age of sixteen was indentured to Harvey Dickerman, a farmer in Mt. Holly, Vt., until he should be twenty-one; and, according to the custom in those days, was to have three months schooling each year, and at the end of his minority receive \$100 in money and two suits of clothes; three months schooling being considered very liberal. On reaching his majority, he found himself a practical farmer, and was engaged in farming the next four years. In 1849 he entered the quarries at Rutland, Vt., to learn the trade of a marble cutter. He left there in 1852 and went to Albion, Mich., where in 1854 he engaged in business for himself. In April, 1858, he was elected township clerk and the next year township treasurer.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted August 27, 1861, in the 1st Regiment Michigan Engineers, and was appointed first-sergeant of Company A. He was promoted first-lieutenant July 17, 1862, and in April, 1864, regimental quartermaster and commissary. This was a working regiment, and Mr. Ashley participated in only one battle, Perryville, Ky., October 8, 1862. He was mustered out at Atlanta, at the expiration of his term of enlistment, October 31, 1864. In 1870 he took the Ninth U. S. Census in Calhoun County, Mich. For the next twelve years he was in the sewing machine business. In 1882 he left Albion and removed with his family to North Dakota, where he took up a quarter section in the town of Albion and settled on it as a homestead. In the fall of 1893 he removed to Sacramento, Cal., where he at present resides.

Mr. Ashley has been for over forty years a member of the Presbyterian Church and for over thirty years one of its ordained deacons. He was for several years one of the trustees of the church in Albion, its chorister for eighteen years, and superintendent of its Sabbath school. He is a member of

the Royal Templars of Temperance. For the past three years he has been in no active business.

CHILDREN BORN IN ALBION, MICH.:

- 260. i. ALDACE BOARDMAN, b. 24 Jan. 1854.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 26 Oct. 1855; m. 3 Apr. 1881, George C. Higgins and resides in Duluth, Minn.

161. JOHN TYLER ASHLEY (*John*⁶³, *Martin*⁶⁰, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 June 1828 in Fair Haven, Vt.; died 26 October 1886 in Milpitas, Cal.; married 8 June 1862 in Deadwood, Cal., MARY ELIZABETH BELL, daughter of John* and Nancy (Ring) Bell, born 20 March 1839 in South Bend, Ind.; resides in Milpitas.

John Tyler Ashley passed his boyhood on his father's farm in Vermont. After completing a course at the Black River Academy, preparatory to the study of medicine, he taught school two years. In 1850 he went to Albion, Mich., where he engaged in farming and school teaching. He caught the gold fever and emigrated to California, arriving in Damascus, Placer County, August 14, 1853. Here he experienced the varied fortunes of all young miners of the pioneer days. In 1875 he was elected Recorder and Auditor of Placer County on the Republican ticket, at an election in which the Independents carried nearly all the county offices. He was reelected for a second term, after which he held the office of deputy-sheriff two terms and was also a justice of the peace. His health giving way under office work, he bought an interest in a general merchandise store in Milpitas, Cal., to which place he removed in August, 1883, and resided there until his death.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN DAMASCUS, CAL.:

- i. ELDEN HARVEY, b. 6 May 1863; d. 10 Nov. 1863.
- ii. ALDACE NEWTON, b. 13 May 1864; is a mining and civil engineer in Wolf Creek, Ore. He is unmarried.
- iii. OSEE ELLA, b. 1 Apr. 1867; was graduated at the California State Normal School in 1886 and is a teacher in Milpitas, Cal.
- iv. GRATA MAR, b. 22 Mar. 1869; is an elocutionist in Milpitas.
- v. EDNA MARY, b. 13 Sept. 1879 in Auburn, Cal.; resides in Milpitas.

* A native of England.

162. WILLARD HUDSON ASHLEY (*John⁶³, Martin⁵⁰, Martin²⁶, Daniel³, Samuel³ David², Robert¹*), born 7 June 1834 in West Haven, Vt.; resides in Muskegon, Mich.; married 11 November 1863 in Albion, Mich., ANN OLEVIA GROFF, daughter of Lorenzo Dorr and Peninah (White) Groff, born 11 June 1841 in Hackettstown, N. J.

Willard Hudson Ashley was engaged in farming in his native State during his minority. He attended the academy in West Rutland and the seminary in Castleton. On his twenty-first birthday he went West, and settled in Albion, Calhoun County, Mich., where he was engaged in the wagon and carriage business until 1860. During this time, he was elected constable and held the office of deputy-sheriff for two years.

On September 5, 1861, he enlisted at Detroit as a musician in the First Michigan Cavalry. He took part in the Shenandoah campaign at Carnstown, New Market, Mt. Jackson, Christiansburg, Columbia Ridge, Cross Keyes, Strasburg, Middletown and Winchester. His regiment then joined the Army of the Potomac and participated in the battles of Culpepper Court House, Cedar Mountain, Warrenton, Mitchell's Station, Orange Court House and the 2d Bull Run. Receiving his discharge September 4, 1862, he returned to Albion, Mich., and was occupied at his trade until August 9, 1863. He re-enlisted on that day as a private in Co. A, Eleventh Michigan Cavalry, organized at Kalamazoo. In the next month he was promoted Orderly-sergeant, and on December 18th left with his regiment for Lexington, Ky., where he passed the winter. He was promoted First-Lieutenant March 21, 1864. During that year he participated in June in the battles of Cynthiana and Morehead, Ky., Saltville, Va., October 2d, and Big Sandy Mountain, October 4th; that day he was thrown from his horse at Piketon, Ky., and received injuries for which he draws a pension. He was at Saltville again in December, and at Marian, Clinch River and Abbyville, Va. The following winter was spent at Lexington, in scouting, and provost duty. In March, 1865, he was with his regiment in Stoneman's raid from east Tennessee into North Carolina and over the Blue Ridge into southwestern Virginia. In April he followed Stoneman again into North Carolina, and was with the main

body when it entered Salisbury on the 12th. Lieutenant Ashley, commanding Co. A, charged the enemy and captured 14 pieces of artillery and about 60 prisoners. This was his last engagement, for he was ordered to the hospital at Knoxville about this time, on account of an attack of rheumatism. After remaining there about two months, he resigned from the army June 10, 1865, and went home to Michigan.

Mr. Ashley continued in the carriage business in Albion until the spring of 1868, when he removed to Muskegon, Mich., where he has followed the same business, and cabinet making, ever since.

CHILDREN BORN IN MUSKEGON, MICH.:

- i. MARIAN CLIFTON, b. 29 July 1870; m. 4 June 1891, William Alfred Padley and resides in Muskegon.
- ii. RAY EUGENE, b. 19 Sept. 1876; is a civil engineer and resides in Muskegon. He is unmarried.

163. ELIAS SHELDON ASHLEY (*Hiram*⁸¹, *Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 April 1828 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Mount Morris, N. Y.; married, 1st, 7 May 1851* in Attica, N. Y., MARY ELIZABETH DORRANCE, daughter of Dr. Gardiner and Juliet Love (Lee) Dorrance, born 8 May 1832 in Sunderland, Mass.; resides in Batavia, N. Y., they having been divorced. He married, 2d, 23 January 1892 in Fargo, N. Dak., MARTHA BRYANT, daughter of George and Rose (Prescott) Bryant, born 25 March 1844 in Hammondsport, N. Y.

Elias Sheldon Ashley lived on his father's farm in his native town until twenty-one years of age. The two following years he kept a livery stable in Attica, N. Y. He was then engaged for ten years in the drug business with his brother Gilbert in the village of Nunda, N. Y., during which time he was Revenue Collector for the Twenty-first District of New York, under Governor Clark. He then, in 1861, removed to Jersey City, N. J., where he was proprietor of a large boarding, sale and livery stable on the Heights for the next ten years. Removing to northern Illinois, he was engaged in the towns

* Correcting date given in "Strong Genealogy."

of DeKalb and Hinekley for twelve years in farming and hay and straw pressing, and in buying fancy high grade coach and park horses for the New York City market. He was then in the same business one year in Fargo, N. Dak., and three years in Chicago, Ill.

In June, 1895, Mr. Ashley moved back to New York, and is at present superintendent of the breeding department of the Belwood Stud in Mount Morris, N. Y., and has one hundred and nine horses to buy feed for and look after.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN JERSEY CITY, N. J.:

By first wife :

- i. HELEN DORRANCE, b. 16 Jan. 1853; m. 21 Apr. 1875, Andrew Dickson Hunt and resides in New Milford, Conn.
- ii. LEE GILBERT, b. 27 May 1864; is a printer in Mount Morris, N. Y. He is unmarried.
- iii. EDWARD GORDON, b. 5 Sept. 1871; was graduated from Cornell University with the degree of Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in 1894, and is with the Gleason Tool Co. in Rochester, N. Y. He is unmarried.

164. AUGUSTUS GILBERT ASHLEY (*Hiram*⁸⁴, *Noah*⁸¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 April 1831 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 7 August 1887 in Chicago, Ill.; married 25 January 1859 in Nunda, N. Y., LAURA ALTHEA SPENCER, daughter of Utley and Laura (Lake) Spencer, born 24 January 1841 in Nunda; resides in Chicago.

Augustus Gilbert Ashley remained on his father's farm until he was of age, when he entered the drug business with his eldest brother in Nunda, N. Y. He continued there until 1864, when he engaged in the same business in Belvidere, Ill. The following year he removed to Syeamore, Ill., where he was also in the drug business for a year. He then removed to Chicago, Ill., where for twenty-one years he did a large commission business in hay, straw and grain, his firm being for most of that time Lake & Ashley.

Mr. Ashley was an active member of the Chicago Board of Trade, and made many friends there, who said at the time of his death that "his word was as good as his bond." He was liberal in his views of things in general, and was a large-hearted man, ever willing to lend a helping hand to those in

sorrow or trouble. He was an earnest Christian, and was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church and always had a class in its Sabbath school.

CHILDREN :

- i. FREDD SPENCER, b. 31 Mar. 1860 in Nunda, N. Y.; is a clerk in New York City. He is unmarried.
- ii. CHARLES GILBERT, b. 25 Oct. 1861 in Nunda; d. 1862 in Nunda.
- iii. MINNIE, b. 25 Dec. 1864 in Belvidere, Ill.; d. 17 Apr. 1881 in Chicago, Ill.
- iv. HELEN MARGUERITE, b. 29 Mar. 1879 in Chicago.

165. HIRAM SELDEN ASHLEY (*Hiram*⁸⁴, *Noah*⁶¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 April 1843 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Colorado Springs, Cal.; married 13 October 1881 in DeKalb, Ill., NELLIE DAVIS, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Knox) Davis, born 18 September 1847 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hiram Selden Ashley lived on his father's farm until November, 1863, when he went to Detroit, Mich. The following year he went to Chicago, Ill., and from there to St. Paul, Minn., finally settling in Chicago, Ill., where he lived three years. He then returned to St. Paul, where he remained eight years. He lived the next year in Chicago, and in the summer of 1878 removed to Colorado Springs, Cal., his present residence.

Mr. Ashley followed mercantile pursuits for fourteen years, but for the past seventeen years has been engaged in wool growing in partnership with Col. Louis C. Skinner, during which time they have owned from 4,500 to 9,500 sheep a year. They own a feeding farm in Beaver City, Neb., where sheep are fattened for the Kansas City market.

NO CHILDREN.

166. EDWARD HORACE ASHLEY (*Hiram*⁸⁴, *Noah*⁶¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 November 1846 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Detroit, Mich.; married 22 May 1878 in Detroit, EVA J. BELKNAP, daughter of John Belknap.

Edward Horace Ashley came to Detroit, Mich., his present residence, in 1869. He has always been an upright and successful business man, and is at present secretary of the Pittmans

& Dean Company, formerly Hall & Ashley, coal and ice dealers in Detroit.

CHILDREN BORN IN DETROIT, MICH.:

- i. EDWARD BELKNAP, b. 20 Jan. 1880; d. 14 Mar. 1883.
- ii. LULU, b. 6 Feb. 1883; d. 14 Mar. 1883.
- iii. RUTH, b. 20 Dec. 1886.

167. CLINTON SHELDON ASHLEY (*Noah*⁸⁵, *Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 October 1836 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Honeoye, N. Y.; married, 1st, 26 November 1861 in Richmond Center, AVARILLIA WRIGHT, daughter of William Henry Wright, born 19 December 1841 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; died 23 June 1878 in Richmond. He married, 2d, 19 January 1892 in Honeoye, Mrs. MARIA (ADAMS) RAY, widow of Wesley Walker Ray of Honeoye, and daughter of Alonzo and Lorena Elizabeth (Short) Adams, born 9 September 1843 in Richmond.

Clinton Sheldon Ashley is a farmer. He resides in the village of Honeoye in the town of Richmond, N. Y.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

By first wife:

- i. JENNIE, b. 21 Dec. 1864; d. 16 Nov. 1880.
261. ii. CHARLES, b. 30 July 1866.
- iii. CORA, b. 1 Nov. 1867; d. 13 June 1892 in Richmond, unmarried.
- iv. NELLIE, b. 19 Jan. 1870; m. 20 Jan. 1892, William Tubbs and resides in Allen's Hill, N. Y.

168. NOAH TISDALE ASHLEY (*Noah*⁸⁵, *Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 October 1840 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Richmond Mills); married 18 December 1872 in Richmond, METTIE ST. JOHN, daughter of William and Sarah (Ringer) St. John, born 25 June 1854 in Lima, N. Y.

Noah Tisdale Ashley is engaged in farming in his native town, Richmond, N. Y., where he owns a farm of 147 acres.

CHILD BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 11 July 1877.

169. FRANCIS ALONZO ASHLEY (*Noah⁸⁶, Noah⁵¹, William²⁸, Aaron¹¹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 3 October 1842 in Richmond, N. Y.; died 16 January 1895 in Richmond; married 7 November 1872 in Richmond, ELLEN SUSAN WILBUR, daughter of Leonidas and Abigail (Cornell) Wilbur, born 18 June 1842 in Londonderry, Vt.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Honeoye).

Francis Alonzo Ashley settled in his native town, where he was engaged in the cultivation of his farm of 188 acres. He was a trustee and deacon of the First Congregational Church of Honeoye for a number of years.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. WILBUR, b. 6 June 1874; in a farmer in his native town. He is unmarried.
- ii. FLORENCE ANNETTE, b. 25 Feb. 1881.
- iii. RUTH ABIGAIL, b. 11 Jan. 1885.

170. FREDERICK LEONARD ASHLEY (*Noah⁸⁶, Noah⁵¹, William²⁸, Aaron¹¹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 25 March 1845 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Honeoye); married 16 March 1876 in Richmond, FANNIE BRIGGS, daughter of John Gregg and Nancy (Pennell) Briggs, born 23 June 1849 in Richmond.

Frederick Leonard Ashley is engaged in farming in his native town, where he owns a farm of 250 acres. He has held the office of supervisor of the town of Richmond for two terms, during the years 1881-82 and 1882-83. He has also acted as executor and administrator in the settlement of a number of estates.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y.:

- i. CARLTON FREDERICK, b. 17 Aug. 1878.
- ii. EVELINE MINERVA, b. 4 Dec. 1882.

171. GEORGE ASHLEY (*William⁸⁶, Noah⁵¹, William²⁸, Aaron¹¹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 6 July 1838 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Honeoye); married 28 January 1863 in Richmond, DEBORAH ADAMS, daughter of Alonzo and Lorena (Short) Adams, born 19 August 1838 in Richmond.

George Ashley is a farmer in Richmond, N. Y., his native place, where he owns a farm of 198 acres. He has been excise commissioner for ten years.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y. :

- i. ALICE LORENA, b. 10 Dec. 1864.
- ii. MARY JANE, b. 26 June 1867.
- iii. WILLIAM SHELDON, b. 11 Apr. 1870.

172. ALBERT ASHLEY (*William*⁵⁶, *Noah*⁵¹, *William*²³, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 12 October 1850 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Honeoye); married 5 March 1873 in Richmond, ALICE BEACH, daughter of Stephen and Betsey (Cobb *née* Frost) Beach, born 29 June 1852 in Richmond.

Albert Ashley is a farmer and owns a 90 acre farm in his native town, Richmond, N. Y. He is a deacon of the First Congregational Church of Honeoye.

CHILDREN BORN IN RICHMOND, N. Y. :

- i. MOREY BEACH, b. 17 Feb. 1876.
- ii. HERBERT SHELDON, b. 30 Nov. 1877.
- iii. LILLIAN ELIZABETH, b. 12 Aug. 1885.

173. GEORGE ASHLEY (*Alanson S.*⁸⁷, *William*⁵², *William*²⁸, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 April 1832 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Belding, Mich.; married 10 May 1860 in Eureka, Mich., MINERVA THIRSTON POLLOCK, daughter of Jacob and Helen Maria (Bogardus) Pollock, born 30 January 1841 in Hughsonville, N. Y.

George Ashley is a farmer and resides in Belding, Mich.

CHILDREN BORN IN OTISCO, MICH. :

- i. FANNIE JANE, b. 30 May 1863; d. 13 May 1883.
- ii. ANNA DELIA, b. 27 Aug. 1864.
- iii. HELEN PERSIS, b. 24 Jan. 1867.

174. Gen. WILLIAM ELLIOTT ASHLEY (*Chester*⁹¹, *William*⁶³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 August 1823 in Little Rock, Ark.; died 16 August 1868 in Little Rock; married 26 October 1846 in Little Rock, his third

cousin, FRANCES ELIZA GRAFTON, daughter of Joseph Dana and Mary Lewis (Elliott) Grafton, born 5 February 1828 in Ste. Genevieve, Mo.; resides in Little Rock.

William Elliott Ashley received a liberal education in New York City, where he studied for seven years under Dr. Muhlenberg. Returning to his home, he became a cotton planter. At his father's death, he took charge of his large estate, and the bountiful hospitality of the Ashley mansion during the lifetime of the father was kept up by the son.

He had ever avoided political life, but in 1852 he was induced to become a candidate and was elected by a large majority to the General Assembly as representative from Pulaski County. He also served several terms as mayor of the city. A natural distaste for political strife, however, and the care of a large family, which devolved upon him at the death of his father, prevented him from participating in the party contests of his day.

His reputation throughout Arkansas was that of a free handed, generous gentleman and a liberal, public spirited and useful citizen. It could be truly said that he did not have an enemy. The cruel results of the Civil War left him, like many others, a man of broken fortunes. His proud spirit, chafing under these reverses, preyed upon itself and hastened him to a premature death, which followed a lingering illness of several months duration.

"My father was accounted handsome, although of an entirely different type than his father. He was much like him in manners, but not at all so in appearance: being smaller, having a large mouth, white teeth, a brilliant smile, ringing (but gentlemanly) laugh—and, as his mother expressed it, was her 'Sunshine.' He was genial, courteous, elegant; always kindly to inferior as well as equal. He was considered in Little Rock in the early days 'a prince among men.'"

"On yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the remains of Little Rock's best beloved were followed to the grave by the largest funeral cortege ever witnessed in our city at the burial of a private citizen. The Masonic fraternity,† the fire department, and a large concourse of citizens were in attendance. Among those who followed him to his last resting place were a large number of colored people. And well might they join their

* Letter from his daughter Mrs. Gray.

† General Ashley was a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 60, F. and A. M.

white neighbors in paying tribute to the memory of General Ashley; for never, at any time or under any circumstances, did they have a better, truer friend. In accordance with the suggestion made through the city papers yesterday, business generally was suspended. The solemn gloom that pervaded the entire community was a touching and eloquent tribute to the memory of a good and virtuous man, an attestation of the high esteem in which he was held by all classes and conditions of his fellow men. No man ever enjoyed a more honorable distinction, or left behind him a name more worthy to be embalmed in the memory of those who knew him. He was one of nature's noblemen, whom riches could not exalt, nor poverty debase. A man true to all the public and private relations of life, and in whom there was no guile. He was always a friend to the poor and needy, and long will they strew flowers upon his grave and moisten them with their tears—the purest tribute that ever yet was paid to human worth." [Little Rock *Daily Gazette*.]

CHILDREN BORN IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK. :

- i. CHESTER GRAFTON, b. 13 Aug. 1847; d. 29 Sept. 1876 in Houston, Tex., unmarried. He was at the Virginia Military Institute in 1863, when it was burned, and he was sent to Chapel Hill, Raleigh, N. C. At the close of the war, he went to Geneva, Switzerland, to complete his education. After the death of his father, he engaged in railroad business and was thus occupied at his death, which occurred after a four days illness from congestive fever. "In the relations of life he was exemplary. He was a dutiful son, an affectionate brother and a steadfast friend. His generous impulses, sterling integrity and high sense of honor made him admired and beloved by all his friends." [Houston paper.]
- ii. FRANCIS FREEMAN, b. 29 May 1853; d. 25 Sept. 1853.
- iii. HARRIET ELIZA, } twins, d. Nov. 1861.
- iv. FANNIE, } b. 29 Dec. 1856; m. 4 Mar. 1886, Dr. Clifton Sidney Gray, the celebrated oculist and aurist, and resides in Little Rock.

175. Capt. HENRY CHARLES* ASHLEY (*Chester*⁹¹, *William*⁶⁸, *Stephen*²⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*), born 7 March 1831 in Little Rock, Ark.; died 23 January 1873 in Little Rock; married 13 February 1862 in Little Rock, KATIE BAKER CARROLL, daughter of Col. George Washington and Lucy (Jones) Carroll, born in Tusculumbia, Ala. She married, 2d, 10 November 1886 in Little Rock, Andrew Jackson Martin, Esq., of Raleigh, Ala., who died 20 October 1894 in Kennedy, Ala. She resides with her son in Morrillton, Ark

* Correcting *Chester* in Princeton College Triennial Catalogue.

Henry Charles Ashley was graduated at Princeton College in 1852, and settled in his native place, where he became a cotton planter, his estates lying in or near Pulaski County. In 1862 and 1863 he acted in the commissary department for the army in Little Rock and Washington, Ark.

"Captain Ashley's remains were attended to their final resting place by a large concourse of his friends and acquaintances. The Masonic fraternity showed their respect to the deceased by turning out in a body, and following his remains to the grave. The city fire department testified their respect by attending, and the city band furnished music appropriate to the solemn occasion."

Captain Ashley always took great interest in all affairs of his city and State, and was one of Little Rock's most prominent citizens. He was a strict attendant of the Episcopal church, although not a member of it. In those days Little Rock had only a volunteer fire department, and Mr. Ashley was its chief at the time of his death. He possessed a kind disposition, and was greatly beloved by all who knew him for his manly and upright character. He was a Mason in good standing in Mag-nolia Lodge, No. 60, of Little Rock.

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Ashley, this Lodge, and the fraternity, have sustained the loss of a good, and well beloved brother. His friends and the community in which he lived are bereft of a faithful friend, an honest, generous, and useful citizen; and his family a kind-hearted protector; of a man whose friends were without number, but whose enemies might have been quickly counted; of one, perhaps, as free from selfishness as mortals ever get to be.

Those who knew him—and they were, legion—from the humblest to the highest, will long remember his kindly face and gentle manner, his charity and his courtesy. It needs no extended lines of praise to preserve his name among his many friends. Henry Ashley's memory will always be green."

CHILDREN :

- i. MARY, b. 3 Dec. 1862 in Little Rock, Ark.; d. 7 Oct. 1865 in Washington, Ark.
262. ii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 10 Aug. 1868 in Conway Co., Ark.

176. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Elisha P.*⁹², *William*⁶³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 November 1820 in Hudson, N. Y.; died 24 December 1882 in Wiley's Cove,

Ark.; married 18 December 1845 near Little Rock, Ark., JANE LEFEVRE, daughter of Francis Godfrey and Mary (Jones) Lefevre, born 29 December 1825 near Little Rock; resides in Wiley's Cove. (P. O. Marshall, Ark.)

William Ashley was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation until 1870, after which time he was engaged in farming. He lived about twelve miles east of Little Rock until 1855, when he moved to Wiley's Cove in the town of Marshall, Searey County, Ark.

CHILDREN : *

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| i. | JOHN FRANKLIN, | } twins, resides in Wagoner, Ind. Ty.† |
| ii. | MARY ELIZABETH, | |
| | | b. 3 Sept. 1847; m. Matthew Sooter and |
| | | resides in Wiley's Cove, Ark.† |
| iii. | WILLIAM POMEROY, b. 22 Jan. 1850; d. 20 Aug. 1852. | |
| iv. | STEPHEN LEON, b. 24 Feb. 1854; resides in Leslie, Ark.† | |
| 263. v. | CHESTER MONROE, b. 23 Jan. 1861. | |
| 264. vi. | MATTHEW GRANT, b. 15 Dec. 1868. | |

177. HENRY EVANDER ASHLEY (*Stephen U.⁹¹, Stephen⁹¹, Stephen⁹⁰, Joseph¹², Samuel⁸, David², Robert¹*), born 10 September 1844 in Norwalk, Ohio; resides in Goodland, Kan.; married 22 February 1869 in Bowling Green, Ohio, EMORETTE SERENA HILL, daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Chatfield) Hill, born 5 September 1847 in Fremont, Ohio.

Henry Evander Ashley passed his boyhood on his father's farm. He enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil War, but was rejected on account of his youth. On May 2, 1863, he enlisted in Company B, 144th Regiment Ohio Volunteers. He was in three engagements—Winchester, Monoxv Junction and Chambersburg—and was discharged on September 9, 1864.

After his marriage, Mr. Ashley was engaged in farming and contracting, moving his residence to accommodate his work as contractor. In November, 1883, he went to Nebraska, and lived there until the spring of 1893, when he sold his farm in Bromfield, Hamilton County, and moved to Sherman County, Kansas, where he is engaged in extensive farming operations. His post office address is Goodland.

* The first four born near Little Rock, Ark., the others in Wiley's Cove, Ark.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

CHILDREN :

- i. FRANK WELBY, b. 7 Nov. 1870 in Bowling Green, Ohio ; is farming with his father.
- ii. GEORGE MARSHALL, b. 6 Mar. 1873 in Rocky Ridge, Ohio ; is in the hardware business in Steinauer, Neb.
- iii. CHARLES HENRY, b. 6 Oct. 1875 in Belmore, Ohio ; is farming with his father.
- iv. FRED CLARENCE, b. 22 Aug. 1878 in Deshler, Ohio ; d. 18 Oct. 1878.
- v. AUGUSTA MAY, b. 20 July 1882 in Bowling Green.
- vi. STEPHEN URIAL, b. 24 Feb. 1884 in St. Joe, Neb.
- vii. LYDIA ANN, b. 12 June 1889 in Bromfield, Neb.

178. STEPHEN URIAL ASHLEY (*Stephen U.*⁹⁴, *Stephen*⁵⁴, *Stephen*³⁰ *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 13 March 1860 in Bowling Green, Ohio ; resides in Long Pine, Neb. ; married 18 April 1885 in Bowling Green, EMMA ENO, daughter of William and Julia (Grover) Eno, born 5 April 1862 in Bowling Green.

Stephen Urial Ashley passed his early life on his father's farm near Bowling Green, Ohio. He was clerk for a year in a general store in that place, and went to Nebraska in the fall of 1883, returning to Bowling Green just a year later. He continued farming there until the spring of 1888, when he went to Nebraska again, and lived there until November, 1890. He then went into the general merchandise business, and was agent for a branch of the Chicago, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, at Bays, Ohio. Poor health induced him to return to Nebraska in 1892, and he is now a clerk in a general store in Long Pine.

CHILDREN BORN IN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO :

- i. MURRAY, b. 1 June 1886 ; d. 21 Aug. 1890 in Bassett, Neb.
- ii. MURIEL, b. 4 Sept. 1887.

179. SEYMOUR LEWIS ASHLEY (*John V.*⁹⁶, *Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 October 1847 in Marshall, Mich. ; resides in Pennfield (P. O. Battle Creek), Mich. ; married 4 August 1880 in Pennfield, HATTIE ERRINGTON, daughter of George and Nancy (Beach) Errington, born 20 June 1854 in Pennfield ; died 24 June 1890 in Pennfield.

Seymour Lewis Ashley resides in the town of Pennfield, Mich., four and a half miles northeast of Battle Creek, his post office address. His business is raising small fruits on a farm of thirty-eight acres and managing his father-in-law's farm of eighty-two acres. He has held office in the school district and the Good Templar's Lodge. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Battle Creek, of which his wife was also a member.

CHILDREN BORN IN PENNFIELD, MICH.:

- i. EVA MAY, b. 1 Mar. 1882.
- ii. FANNIE ISABEL, b. 29 June 1884.
- iii. WINIFRED ELLSWORTH, b. 14 Mar. 1888.

180. ADELBERT ASHLEY (*John V.⁹⁶, Joseph⁶⁶, Stephen³⁰, Joseph¹², Samuel⁸, David², Robert¹*), born 5 September 1852 in Marshall, Mich.; died 25 March 1893 in Convis, Mich.; married 28 March 1882 in Fayetteville, N. Y., MARY WARE, daughter of William Henry and Mary (Greenwood) Ware, born 22 March 1862 in Corning, N. Y.; resides in Convis, Mich.*

Adelbert Ashley lived on the homestead in Convis township, Calhoun County, Mich., where he was engaged in gardening, growing small fruits and raising poultry.

CHILDREN:

- i. LEWIS, b. ——— 1884.
- ii. RUBY, b. ——— 1886.
- iii. NINA, b. ——— 1888.
- iv. JOSIE, b. ——— 1893.

181. WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY (*Marvin W.⁹⁷, Joseph⁶⁶, Stephen³⁰, Joseph¹², Samuel⁸, David², Robert¹*), born 16 February 1844 in Leverett, Mass.; resides in Leverett; married 19 May 1869 in Montague, Mass., MARIA FIELD, daughter of Abner and Wealthy (Putney) Field, born 19 July 1844 in Hatfield, Mass.

William Henry Ashley is a farmer in Leverett, Mass. He has been a deacon of the First Congregational Church.

NO CHILDREN.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

182. FRANK SMITH ASHLEY (*Marvin W.*⁹⁷, *Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 24 September 1858 in Leverett, Mass.; resides in North Amherst, Mass.; married 24 September 1878 in North Amherst, LILLIE SARAH BARNARD, adopted daughter of Alvan and Sarah (Dewey) Barnard, and daughter of William Nourse and Sarah Ann (Lee) Gleason, born 23 January 1856 in Athol, Mass.

Frank Smith Ashley began life as a blacksmith, but is now a machinist in Avery R. Cushman's mills in North Amherst, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN NORTH AMHERST, MASS.:

- i. MARY LIZZIE, b. 24 Dec. 1880.
- ii. FREDERICK SMITH, b. 19 Oct. 1883.
- iii. LUCY EVELYN, b. 18 Apr. 1885.
- iv. JOSEPH CLIFTON, b. 22 Aug. 1886.
- v. HERBERT SILAS, b. 11 Mar. 1890.

183. RUFUS PUTNAM ASHLEY (*Myron*⁹², *Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 November 1847 in Leverett, Mass.; resides in Spencer, Mass.; married, 1st, 22 November 1870 in Easthampton, Mass., ALICE MARIA* STRONG, daughter of Alanson and Henrietta (Frisbie) Strong, born 26 June 1853[†] in Northampton, Mass.; died 23 October 1871 in Northampton. He married, 2d, 16 April 1873 in Brattleboro', Vt., HELEN ADELAIDE PRIOR, daughter of Nathaniel Collins and Mary (Smith) Prior, born 1 June 1845 in Hadley, Mass.; died 3 April 1875 in Hadley. He married, 3d, 26 April 1877 in Washington Court House, Ohio, MARY THOMPSON, born 18 June 1854 in Fairfax, Ohio; died 1 July 1891 in Bloomington, Ill.

Rufus Putnam Ashley is a farmer in Spencer, Mass.

CHILD BORN IN HADLEY, MASS.:

By second wife:

- i. GEORGE PRIOR, b. 19 Mar. 1875; d. in a few days.

184. LEWIS MOORE ASHLEY (*Chester*⁹⁹, *Joseph*⁵⁵, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 September 1846

* By fam. rec., *Whitney* by "Strong Genealogy."

† By fam. rec., 25 June 1852 by "Strong Genealogy."

in Leverett, Mass.; resides in East Leverett, Mass.; married 24 February 1875 in South Vernon, Vt., SARAH JANE LAMSON, daughter of Amos and Mary (Bishop) Lamson, born 10 January 1857 in Enfield, Mass.

Lewis Moore Ashley is a farmer in East Leverett, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LEVERETT, MASS.:

- i. LULA MAY, b. 29 July 1876.
- ii. HARRISON CHESTER, b. 28 Aug. 1877.

185. JAMES MORGAN ASHLEY (*Stephen N.*,¹⁰¹ *Stephen*⁶⁶, *Oli-ver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 January 1809 in Sandy Hill, N. Y.; died 21 August 1849 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; married 3 November 1840 in New York City, by his brother Rev. William B. Ashley, EMMA ELMIRA BALDWIN, daughter of Enos and Hannah (Dunnell) Baldwin, and sister of the second wife of his brother William, who died 19 August 1849 in Brooklyn.

James Morgan Ashley was a man of business attainments. He located in New York City some time in the early 'thirties, and, while he was essentially a dry goods merchant, his posthumous letters show that at one time he was a stock broker in Wall Street and at another he was traveling in the South and West for some commercial firm. For some time prior to 1845 he was with a Mr. Bridges in the dry goods or straw goods line, and that he was an important factor in that house is evinced by the fact that Mr. Bridges went out of business soon after Mr. Ashley left him. He realized his value to that gentleman, for in one of his numerous letters to his mother he says, "I have left Bridges. . . . I made him what he is, and he did not do right by me."

On July 1, 1845, Mr. Ashley accepted a position with the firm of Smith & Henderson, in the same line of trade, taking full charge of the straw goods department. In 1846, Mr. Smith retiring from the business, he formed a partnership with Mr. Henderson, the firm being Henderson & Ashley, in which business he was still engaged at the time of his death. In another of his letters (dated June 26, 1847), he says, "We are having a large new store built for us on the ground of the old one (No. 176 Pearl Street), which is to be the best and largest

store for dry goods in New York, except Stewart's. The inside arrangement, style of fitting up, etc., etc., is to be done according to my notions."

While as a business man he was eminently successful in his latter years, he had had reverses earlier that only his persistence and fortitude could overcome. But it is as the husband and father, within the inner circle of the man's life, that we find his true character. He was a most honorable and kindly man, and greatly beloved by family and friends. These letters to his mother are touching and beautiful in their description of his home and family.

Mrs. Ashley was also a most lovely character, with a sweet, childlike face that has been preserved in pigment as the Madonna in William Page's "The Flight into Egypt," now the priceless property of the Boston Atheneum; Mrs. Ashley being a niece of that celebrated painter whose "Venus" is world-renowned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley died of cholera within two days of each other. After their death the children were scattered, being taken by different members of the family.*

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.:

265. i. STEPHEN WETMORE, b. 3 Sept. 1841 in New York City.
- ii. EMMA ALMIRA, b. 17 Dec. 1843; m., 1st, 25 Sept. 1862, John Chamberlin Peirce of Detroit, Mich.; 2d, 22 Jan. 1890, Charles Sidney Adams and resides in Winthrop, Mass.
- iii. KATE, b. 6 Nov. 1845; after her parents' death was adopted by her mother's cousin Egbert (and Jerusha A.) Van Schaack, and was known as *Kate Ashley Van Schaack*; d. 11 Jan. 1881 in Boston, Mass., unmarried. She wrote many beautiful poems which were posthumously published in a memorial volume.
- iv. JOHN WILLIAM, b. Mar. 1848; d. 1856.

186. Rev. WILLIAM BLISS ASHLEY, D. D. (*Stephen N.*¹⁰¹, *Stephen*⁶⁶, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 12 July 1811 in Sandy Hill, N. Y.; died 26 March 1893 in Milwaukee, Wis.; married, 1st, 11 September 1838 in Portland, Conn., JULIA CORNWALL HALL, daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Cheney) Hall, born 25 March 1816 in Portland; died 25 October 1848

* Above sketch kindly furnished by their daughter Mrs. Adams.

in Detroit, Mich. He married, 2d, 9 May 1850 in New York City, Mrs. ANNE DUNNELL (BALDWIN) RACKETT, widow of Charles Rackett of New York City, daughter of Enos and Hannah (Dunnell) Baldwin, and sister of the wife of his brother James, born 28 October 1819 in Albany, N. Y.; resides in Milwaukee, Wis.

William Bliss Ashley was graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1834, and entered the General Theological Seminary, New York City, at which he received his degree in 1838. He was ordained deacon the same year, and advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Brownell in 1839. From 1838 to 1842 he was rector of St. Luke's Church, Glastonbury, Conn., and from 1842 to 1848 of St. James' Church, Birmingham, Conn. From 1848 to 1857 he was rector of St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, N. Y., and from 1857 to 1860 of St. John's Church, Buffalo, N. Y. In Western New York he rendered important service on the Standing Committee, and in the interests of Hobart College and the DeLancey Divinity School, both of which owe early and valuable endowments to his efforts. Hobart College gave him the degree of M. A. *ad eundem* in 1857 and that of Doctor of Divinity in 1859.

His removal from Syracuse to Buffalo was made at the urgent request of Bishop DeLancey, who considered Dr. Ashley peculiarly qualified for the work at that particular time of harmonizing certain disturbing elements. During his rectorship of St. John's, Buffalo, Dr. Ashley was called to several important parishes. The first was to Trinity Church, Boston, Mass., the next to a parish in Louisiana, the next to St. Peter's, Auburn, N. Y. He was also selected by William Douglas to take the chaplaincy of Hobart College, for which institution a beautiful chapel had been built and endowed. By the advice and urgent request of bishops and other prominent friends, Dr. Ashley declined all these offers and continued his good work at Buffalo.

In March, 1860, Dr. Ashley was induced to accept a call to St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, the mother church of the city and diocese. For several years he was Dean of the Milwaukee Convocation. His rectorship of St. Paul's ended in July, 1876, and exceeded in length of time the combined rectorships



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of all his predecessors. For a year, beginning October, 1876, Dr. Ashley was curate of St. Mary's Church, Somerstown, London, England. On his return from abroad he was made Canon of All Saints Cathedral, Milwaukee, a position he held until his death, doing duty in the Cathedral and in vacant parishes as need required. Up to his last illness he was ever ready to fulfil his ministry, and during his notably active and laborious ministry of fifty-four years it is said that for hardly one Sunday had he been disabled from duty.

Dr. Ashley held the position of a trustee of the General Theological Seminary for about thirty years, and for an equal period was a trustee of Racine College. He represented the diocese of Western New York in the General Convention in 1856, and was a deputy from Wisconsin in 1862, 1865, 1871, 1874, 1883 and 1886. He was a member of the Standing Committee of these dioceses for thirty-seven years, and was president of the Wisconsin (now Milwaukee) Committee for twenty-five years.

Dr. Ashley died peacefully on Palm Sunday, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. The funeral took place on the Wednesday before Easter, and its details were carried out according to the wishes of the deceased. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion—at 7 a. m. for friends in general, at 8 a. m. for the family, and at 10.30, during the funeral services, at which Bishop Nicholson was the celebrant, choral. The remains were carried to the Cathedral before the 8 o'clock celebration, where they lay in state until taken to their final resting place in the beautiful cemetery at Forest Home. Certain clergymen, selected by Dr. Ashley, acted as honorary pall bearers; his sons and sons-in-law were the actual bearers. The funeral was largely attended by both clergy and laity, and the service, which was most orderly and dignified and impressive, was most comforting to both mourners and friends.

“By those who knew him here [Syracuse] in his prime Dr. Ashley will be especially remembered as a man of most winning and lovely personal qualities. One could not define, but could not help feeling, the charm of his presence, in expression of features, in voice of singular sweetness, and in quiet and courteous manner. These qualities helped also

to make him attractive as a preacher. His reading of the service was notably excellent, and had the charm of perfect intonation. In his own home he was a lover of hospitality and a most cordial and charming host, and many a tired country clergyman could testify to the open door and restful atmosphere of St. Paul's Rectory." [*Our Church Work*, Buffalo, May 6, 1893.]

"All who knew Dr. Ashley will agree that he was a most loyal priest of the Church of God. He held firmly and unwaveringly the Catholic faith in its integrity and purity. He was a diligent student of God's Most Holy Word, and was ever ready to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines. At the same time he maintained and set forward peace and love among all Christian people, but especially those committed to his charge. Dr. Ashley was eminently a faithful dispenser of the Word of God and His Holy Sacraments, and as a pastor in times of joy and sorrow thousands are ready to testify to his whole-hearted devotion, as well as to his wonderful tenderness and sympathy.

Dr. Ashley was a devout man. He seemed in all his public ministrations to forget self, and to be deeply inspired with the feeling that he was a priest offering sacrifice to the Most High God. As a reader of the Holy Scriptures and the services of the Prayer Book, few equalled him in earnestness of tone and manner, and in the happy faculty of bringing out the true meaning. As an instance of his humility and devoutness, a few days before his end he desired to receive the blessed sacrament, but would not do so in any other attitude than on his knees, and so he was assisted out of bed, supported by two of his daughters, and his wish was gratified.

Another feature in Dr. Ashley's character was his scrupulous attention to the discharge of all claims upon his time and ability, aside from his public duties in the Sanctuary. In all his speeches and votings, the same conscientious principles governed him as in all other matters. No personal or private consideration would ever tempt him to swerve from the straight line of duty, as he understood it. Other features of his well-rounded character were his sound Gospel preaching, his loyalty to his Bishop, his social relations in his family and toward his friends, his genial hospitality, his readiness to give as God prospered him to the Church in her parochial and missionary work, his willingness to assist young men in preparing for Holy Orders, and many other points." [E. P. W. in *The Church Eclectic*, May, 1893.]

CHILDREN:

By first wife:

- i. JULIA ALMIRA, b. 16 Nov. 1839 in Glastonbury, Conn.; m. 29 Sept. 1871, the late Hon. David Griswold Hooker of Milwaukee, Wis., where she resides.
266. ii. WILLIAM JARVIS, b. 29 July 1842 in Portland, Conn.
- iii. MARY ELIZA, b. 3 Mar. 1844 in Birmingham, Conn.; resides in Milwaukee, unmarried.

- iv. JESSIE HALL, b. 13 Mar. 1847 in Birmingham ; m. 1 June 1871, George William Auerbridge and resides in Milwaukee.

CHILDREN BORN IN SYRACUSE, N. Y.:

By second wife :

- v. AUSTIN PIERCE, b. 18 Jan. 1852 ; died 8 Feb. 1860 in Buffalo, N. Y.
 vi. JEAN LANSING, b. 29 June 1854 ; m. 30 June 1881, William Donaldson Kimball and resides in Milwaukee.
 267. vii. HENRY DeLANCEY, b. 19 Sept. 1856.

187. OTIS ASHLEY (*Stephen*¹⁰², *Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 August 1813 in Genesee, N. Y. ; died 12 October 1854 in Aurora, Ill. ; married CAROLINE STEBBINS.

Otis Ashley came with his father to Kendall County, Illinois, in 1835. He first settled in Oswego, but some years later removed to Aurora, where he subsequently died. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN OSWEGO, ILL.:

- i. HARRISON, is a farmer in Millsburgh, Ill.*
 ii. CHARLES EMERSON, b. 10 May 1841 ; is a farmer in Oswego, Ill. He is unmarried.*
 iii. EMULOUS, d. in early youth.

188. ALMON PITCHER ASHLEY (*Stephen*¹⁰², *Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 September 1822 in Mayville, N. Y. ; died 19 October 1890 in Yorkville, Ill. ; married 11 September 1842 in Yorkville, HULDAH FERRISS, daughter of Reed and Lydia (Ricketson) Ferriss, born 26 August 1826 in Plattsburgh, N. Y. ; resides with her eldest son in Yorkville.

Almon Pitcher Ashley came in boyhood with his father to Kendall County, Illinois. After his marriage he preëmpted 160 acres of land near Yorkville in that county, and moved there when the country was very wild. "Well do I remember," writes his second daughter, "when he used to plow and set back-fires to prevent the prairie fires from burning our home. He used to haul wheat in an ox team to Chicago, when

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

there was only one short street laid out there, and the mud so deep that it was with difficulty horses and cattle could be driven through it. Wheat was so cheap that he always carried his own food and the feed for his oxen, otherwise it would have taken the price of the load to feed them. He usually brought back a load of lumber."

"Kendall County now is one of the wealthiest counties in Illinois. At the time of his death, Mr. Ashley, through industry and frugality, had made a beautiful and valuable home. About the time of the Civil War he set out a large grove of evergreens, which are now the pride of the county. He was not a soldier, because he was lame, the result of a broken leg when he was a child. He was a strictly temperate and hard-working man, and had the respect of all who knew him."

CHILDREN BORN IN YORKVILLE, ILL.:

- i. STEPHEN FERRISS, b. 28 Nov. 1843; is a farmer and resides on his father's homestead in Yorkville. He is unmarried.
- ii. ALICE ALMIRA, b. 2 Aug. 1845; m. 3 Nov. 1867, Samuel Fletcher and resides in Hoopeston, Ill.
- iii. ELLEN ROXANA, b. 20 Jan. 1847; m. 3 Nov. 1867, Albert B. Platt and resides in Plattville, Ill.
- iv. LUCIUS HENRY, b. 8 Apr. 1849; d. 17 Feb. 1863 in Bristol Station, Ill.
- v. LYDIA LOUISA, b. 19 Dec. 1853; m. 6 Apr. 1874, Edward Dunn and resides in Hoopeston.
- vi. MYRON LUCIUS, b. 25 Apr. 1865.

189. MORGAN ASHLEY (*Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*⁵⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 February 1818 in Martinsburgh, N. Y.; died 2 August 1886 in Lockport, Ill.; married 1 January 1842 in Oswego, Ill., EMILY R. NORTON, who resides in Lockport.*

Morgan Ashley came in boyhood to Oswego, Illinois, with his father. He settled in Lockport in Du Page township, Will County, where he was engaged in farming about fifty years. He held the town offices of constable, collector and school trustee, and was a justice of the peace for many years. He was also postmaster of Lockport.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

CHILDREN BORN IN LOCKPORT, ILL. :*

- i. LAVINA, resides in Lockport, unmarried.†
- ii. ELI, is a farmer in Lockport.†
- iii. ANNA, resides in Lockport.†
- iv. HARVEY L., is a clerk in St. Louis, Mo.†
- v. GILBERT MORGAN, is a picture dealer in St. Louis.†
- vi. RILEY T., is a collector in St. Louis.†
- vii. PRESTON D., is a clerk in St. Louis.†

190. ORSON ASHLEY (*Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*⁹⁷, *Oliver*⁹², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁶, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 5 July 1821 in Martinsburgh, N. Y.; died 17 August 1884 in Wanego, Kan.; married 26 June 1845 in Plainfield, Ill., SARAH MARTIN WORTHING, daughter of Ezekiel Smith and Judith (Martin) Worthing, born 18 March 1825 in Bristol, N. H.; resides with her eldest daughter in Belvue, Kan.

Orson Ashley was brought to Illinois, when a boy of about fourteen, by his father. He settled after his marriage on part of his father's farm near Oswego, Kendall County, where he lived and prospered twenty-four years. Becoming tired of farm life, he moved his family into the small town of Oswego, and worked at the carpenter's trade until the spring of 1883. His health being poor, he then visited his son in Kansas, and liked the climate so much that he purchased a home in Wanego, Pottawatomie County, where he passed the remaining year of his life.

Mr. Ashley was an exemplary man among his neighbors, a kind husband, an affectionate father, and beloved by all who knew him. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Baptist church in Oswego for a number of years, but in later life became a believer in Spiritualism, and his funeral services were conducted in accordance with that belief by Mr. Allen of Topeka.

"Mr. Ashley had ever lived an exemplary life. Kind and affectionate in his family; always ready to assist and comfort the sorrowing; believing the record of our life on earth will consummate our destiny in the next sphere of our existence. He was a firm believer in spirit communion, and for months past thought it would not be long before he should meet with loved ones gone before; and he was ready for the change."

* List according to relatives.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

CHILDREN BORN IN OSWEGO, ILL. :

- i. LAURA ADELAIDE, b. 16 Aug. 1848 ; m. 24 Oct. 1882, Richard Constable* and resides in Belvue, Kan.
- 268. ii. MARTIN LEROY, b. 4 Feb. 1850.
- iii. ORPHA ELIZA, b. 10 Sept. 1853 ; m. Frank Albee of Oswego.
- iv. LEONA BERTHA, b. 29 Oct. 1869 ; m. 7 Nov. 1893, Clark Mills Taylor and resides in Wamego, Kan.

191. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 December 1824 in Martinsburgh, N. Y. ; died 17 April 1855 in Amboy, Ill. ; married 1 January 1850 in Naperville, Ill., MARY BELL, daughter of Royal and Amanda (Judd) Bell, born 5 July 1829 in Chautauqua Co., N. Y. ; resides in Amboy.

Daniel Ashley was brought in boyhood by his father to Oswego, Kendall County, Ill. He continued farming there for several years after his marriage, and then moved to Amboy, Ill., and engaged in the clothing business, which he carried on up to his last illness.

CHILDREN :

- 269. i. OLIVER PERRY, b. 27 Jan. 1851 in Oswego, Ill.
- ii. MARIAN, b. 14 Apr. 1852 in Oswego ; m. 13 Oct. 1871, Wayne L. North and resides in Amboy, Ill.
- iii. JUDSON, b. 22 May 1855 in Amboy ; d. 28 Nov. 1863 in Oswego.

192. OTIS ASHLEY (*Otis*¹⁰⁴, *Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 July 1820 in Martinsburgh, N. Y. ; resides in Felton, Cal. ; married 29 December 1841 in Plainfield, Ill., SARAH MATHER, daughter of James and Sarah (Clark) Mather, born 30 May 1825 in Tiffin, Ohio.

Otis Ashley at the age of thirteen joined a military company in his native place and served six years as a musician. At the age of nineteen he removed with his father to Plainfield, Ill., and returned with him the following year to Rutland, N. Y. On reaching his majority, two months later, he went back to Plainfield, married, and lived there until the spring of 1846. Then an opening presented itself for him to go to California, and, as the death of his mother and sister had broken up his

* A native of Cambridgeshire, England.

father's home, he eagerly availed himself of it. He started with his wife on April 9th, going to Peru on the Illinois River, then by water to St. Louis, and thence up the Missouri River to Weston. From there they made the six months journey in an ox team. They crossed the river May 7th, and next day with about forty other wagons struck out into the Indian country, the Indians stealing one yoke of oxen the first night. They struck the Platte River first below the grand Pawnee village, their route being up the Platte to Fort Laramie, a distance of 500 miles. For 150 miles they had nothing to burn but buffalo chips, and buffalo were seen by thousands. They arrived at the fort July 1st, and found only a few Indians and three or four half-breeds, the Sioux being on a hunt. The next place they came to was Fort Bridger, 500 miles away in the Rocky Mountains, having crossed the north fork of the Platte, traveled up the Sweetwater to its head, and over the divide and across the Green River, which is the head waters of the Colorado. From Bridger they traveled south of Salt Lake, crossed a desert of seventy miles without water, another of thirty, and then struck the road running from Fort Hall to California, at the head of Mary's River. From there they went down the river, crossed the Truckee and up that river to its source, and on October 30th arrived in California.

Mr. Ashley went to Santa Clara Mission, where he enlisted in the California Guards and served three months under Gen. Fremont. His company was detailed to guard the women and children, while Fremont was operating in Lower California, and the Mission was "forted up" for protection. During the battle of Santa Clara the garrison consisted of only thirty men and Mr. Ashley acted as lookout in the belfry, from which point of vantage he followed the course of the battle.

After his discharge from the army in the spring of 1847, he went over into Santa Cruz County and settled on the west side of the valley on a tract of Government land. This involved him in a law suit which lasted thirty years and was decided finally in his favor, he being awarded about 2000 acres. In October, 1847, he settled in San José, and lived there until June, 1856. He then returned to Santa Cruz County, where he at present resides, in Felton.

Mr. Ashley has always been engaged in lumbering and farming. He also built and ran a sawmill for twenty-five years, his son succeeding him. He is a member of the Sons of Temperance and the Santa Cruz Pioneers, and is an earnest Spiritualist.

CHILDREN : *

- i. SARAH EUNICE, b. 4 Oct. 1845 ; d. that day.
- ii. MARY EUNICE, b. 29 Aug. 1848 ; m. 29 Aug. 1868, David Lyons Kent of Felton, Cal.
- iii. ORRIN TURNER, b. 7 Apr. 1851 ; d. 13 Mar. 1855.
- iv. EVA AMELIA, b. 28 June 1853 ; d. 28 July 1853.
- v. MAJOR GIDEON, b. 13 Aug. 1855 ; was a lumberman and teamster for his father, and d. 14 Nov. 1881 in Felton. He was unmarried.
- vi. ALBERT OTIS, b. 23 Feb. 1858 ; is a farmer and resides with his father. He is unmarried.
270. vii. WALTER ORSON, b. 25 May 1860.
- viii. JOSEPH WILLIAM, b. 4 Feb. 1867 ; d. 22 July 1867.

193. JAMES RILEY ASHLEY (*Riley B.*¹⁰⁶, *Daniel*⁶⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 February 1825 in Martinsburgh, N. Y. ; resides in Joliet, Ill. ; married 27 October 1850 in Plainfield, Ill., JULIA FRANKLIN TYLER, daughter of Daniel and Olive (Alger) Tyler, born 5 April 1825 in Bridgewater, Mass.

James Riley Ashley came at the age of twelve years with his father to Plainfield, Ill. On reaching manhood, he was given the sum of three hundred dollars by his father to set him up in business, a large sum for the times and locality. He settled in Plainfield, where he kept a general store for about twenty years. In March, 1874, he became connected with a firm in Joliet, Ill., for the manufacture of axle and railroad grease, and removed there on December 1st. In January, 1876, he and his brother with two others formed a partnership for the manufacture of barbed wire. Mr. Ashley soon bought out one partner, Mr. Watkins, and the three continued the business for a while, when, others wishing to join, a corporation was formed. Two years later Mr. Ashley and three others bought out the corporation and became a partnership firm again, and so con-

* The first born in Plainfield, Ill., the next three in San Jose, Cal., the others in Felton, Cal.

tinued until they sold out a few years later. Mr. Ashley then secured a contract for eight years for the labor of one hundred and twenty-five convicts in the Illinois State Penitentiary in Joliet and organized the Ashley Wire Company. In 1890 they built a mill outside the city, where they carry on business, employing citizen labor on account of a law passed prohibiting the contracting of convict labor.

Mr. Ashley never has been an office seeker, but has held some unsought. In 1850, when township organization was adopted in that part of Illinois, he was elected town clerk, and continued in that office fifteen years, when he refused to serve longer. During this time he was a justice of the peace eight years and a notary ten years, up to the time of his going to Joliet, December 1, 1874.

In the fall of 1862 he was induced by Collector of Internal Revenue Lewis Ellsworth, a special friend of his father, to add to the care of his other offices and his store the office of inspector of spirits for his Congressional district of six counties, in which were five distilleries, many wholesale houses, druggists, retailers, etc. This was a very responsible office, as Mr. Ashley had to stand between the Government and the manufacturers and dealers, collecting the tax, amounting sometimes in single cases to \$25,000 at one time. He was kept very busy, of course, in looking after all his varied interests, but he has always brought out successfully everything with which he has been connected. He filled this office most creditably until the spring of 1870, since which time he has devoted himself exclusively to his private business.

CHILDREN BORN IN PLAINFIELD, ILL. :

- i. ALICE ESTELLE, b. 27 Jan. 1854; d. 18 Sept. 1854.
- ii. JULIA CHRISTINA, b. 2 Oct. 1859; d. 6 Sept. 1860.
- iii. NELLIE CLEMENTINE, b. 28 Sept. 1861; d. 24 Jan. 1864.
- iv. ELLA MARIAN, b. 27 Apr. 1865; m. 21 Nov. 1888, George Woodruff Bush and resides in Joliet, Ill.

194. CYRUS NEWTON ASHLEY (*Riley B.*¹⁰⁶, *Daniel*⁹⁷, *Oliver*⁹², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*), born 25 December 1829 in Turin, N. Y.; died 4 June 1888 in Joliet, Ill.; married 8 June 1852 in Plainfield, Ill., MARY AURELIA WATKINS,

daughter of Lemon and Fannie Alcimena (Kent) Watkins, born 8 December 1834 in Mount Morris, N. Y.; died 7 October 1885 in Joliet.

Cyrus Newton Ashley came in boyhood with his father to Plainfield, Ill. He was a quiet man, and, being somewhat diffident, was a man of few words. He had great confidence in his brother in matters of business, and worked for him during the twenty years he kept a store in Plainfield, and went with him to Joliet in December, 1874, where he became interested in the firm with which the latter had been connected since the previous March. This business, the manufacture of axle and railroad grease, was continued until January, 1876, when the brothers sold their interest and formed a partnership with two others for the manufacture of barbed wire. The business was changed to a corporation, in which Mr. Ashley owned stock, and two years later was reduced to a partnership again. At that time Mr. Ashley joined an old partner, Mr. Watkins, in business, which was carried on successfully for a number of years, when they sold out at a good price, and Mr. Ashley retired from business for a while. A few years later, when his brother's firm sold out, the latter secured a contract for convict labor in the State penitentiary and organized the Ashley Wire Company. Mr. Ashley took \$20,000 of the stock and was made one of the directors, and he so continued until his death.

CHILDREN BORN IN PLAINFIELD, ILL.:

- i. ALICE MARIAN, b. 22 Jan. 1859; m. 15 Nov. 1882, David Franklin Chandler and resides in Joliet, Ill.
- ii. CARRIE RHODA, b. 18 Jan. 1863; m. 9 Mar. 1886, Charles Henry Carpenter and resides in Joliet.

195. DR. ANDRUS FELLOWS ASHLEY (*Anson*¹⁰⁷, *Oliver*⁶⁸, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 September 1831 in Tallmadge, Ohio; resides in Fairmont, Neb.; married 1 January 1860 in Hartford, Kan., ANGIE REBECCA LONGLEY, daughter of Otis and Gratia Rebecca (Mantor) Longley, born 23 June 1840 in Canandaigua, N. Y.

Andrus Fellows Ashley, after attending the Tallmadge Academy and the grammar school in Hudson, Ohio, studied

medicine and was admitted to practice in 1855, and located in Newport, Sauk County, Wis. In 1858 he removed to Forest City, Holt County, Mo.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he entered the United States service as surgeon of Berry's Cavalry, attached to the Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers. The regiment was captured and paroled at Lexington, Mo., in September, 1861. The regiment was reorganized as the Twenty-fifth Missouri, but Berry's battalion, refusing to become a part thereof, was mustered out. After passing the required examination before the Army and Navy Medical Board at St. Louis, he was assigned as surgeon to the Fourteenth Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. In October, 1862, he resigned by reason of ill health contracted in the service.

In 1863 Dr. Ashley located in La Prairie, Adams County, Ill., and was engaged in private practice seven years. In 1870 he was ordained a minister of the gospel by the Presbytery of Schuyler, Ill., in which capacity he has continued to serve until quite recently, acceptably filling pulpits in the Presbyteries of Schuyler and Bloomington, Ill., Lake Superior, Mich., Nebraska City and Fairmont, Neb.; and was in 1874 and 1883 a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

At no time in his ministerial work has Mr. Ashley been allowed to live free from demands on his medical and surgical skill, and much of the time has been obliged actively to practice the healing art. He will devote the remainder of his years to medicine, as he finds more and more that medicine makes the greatest demand on his time and strength. He resides at present in Fairmont, Fillmore County, Neb., but will probably seek a more congenial field for his labors.

CHILDREN :

- i. HATTIE LUCRETIA, b. 6 Dec. 1862 in Lawrence, Kan.; m. 9 Feb. 1893, Prof. Herbert Ernest Horan of Columbia College and resides in Reinbeck, Iowa.
- ii. LILLIAN, b. 11 Mar. 1865 in La Prairie, Ill.; d. there 10 July 1886.
- iii. MARTHA EVELYN, b. 1 June 1868 in La Prairie; is a missionary teacher among the Creek Indians at Nuyaka (P. O. Ockmulgee), Ind. Ty.

- iv. JULIA MIRANDA, b. 10 June 1871 in Good Hope, Ill.; d. 13 Oct. 1872 in La Prairie.
- v. ANSON HOWARD, b. 18 Mar. 1874 in La Prairie; d. 22 Nov. 1885 in York, Neb.
- vi. OTIS LONGLEY, b. 6 Nov. 1876 in Monticello, Ill.; d. there 30 Jan. 1877.
- vii. GRATIA, b. 28 June 1878 in Monticello; d. there 22 Aug. 1879.

196. ARLINGTON OLIVER ASHLEY (*Anson*¹⁰⁷, *Oliver*⁵⁸, *Oliver*⁵², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 11 November 1838 in Tallmadge, Ohio; resides in Toledo, Ohio; married 9 August 1870 in Weeping Water, Neb., JULIA ANN ASHMUN, daughter of William Bowen and Sarah (Fenn) Ashmun, born 19 June 1845 in Tallmadge.

Arlington Oliver Ashley in boyhood was apprenticed to learn the carriage painter's trade, and worked at it in Ashland and Dayton, Ohio. At the age of twenty he went to St. Louis, Mo., where he remained thirteen months, then going to Forest City, Mo. On August 15, 1860, he started with others on an overland journey for Denver, Col. During the trip, he was charged by a buffalo, which it took sixteen shots from his revolver to dispatch. He arrived in Denver after a thirty-five day journey, and worked at his trade there until the spring of 1861, when he became one of the party of about one hundred and twenty-five deluded persons who started on the San Juan road on the "Reeder expedition." On arriving near Fort Garland, Reeder, being fearful that he had no mines, gave the party the slip, but was brought back to camp, and barely escaped with his life. The party scattered in all directions, Mr. Ashley and four others going into California Gulch, where Leadville is now situated, where they remained until August, when, not having been successful, they gave up mining.

Returning to Denver, much broken financially, he secured the position of a policeman on the night force. The following month he enlisted in Company I, First Regiment Colorado Cavalry, then under marching orders for the Army of the Potomac. Soon after he was mustered, this order was countermanded, and the regiment served their term of enlistment in the Department of the Plains, being in the engagement at Apache Cañon, about fifteen miles from Sante Fé, March 28,

1862, and fighting guerrillas and Indians along the Rio Grande into Texas. The fall of 1863 found his company stationed at Conejos, Col., near the New Mexico line. That winter the Espinosa brothers with a band of Mexican cut-throats had got into the Salgre De Christoran pass, and were killing nearly everyone who tried to go through there, mail carriers included. Mr. Ashley's captain, being desirous of getting some dispatches through to Denver, gave him a chance to run the gauntlet. He got through safely, but for about eighteen miles through the pass he could not ride his horse much faster than a walk, and kept his revolver cocked ready for instant use, "being obliged at least twice to cover parties of three or four who were anxious to break one or more of the Commandments."

While waiting orders at Denver, he was detailed to serve on the provost guard, a position which promised more active service than being stationed at Conejos. While doing duty on the guard in Denver, he was employed by the city as detective and later made chief of police. He also held a commission as United States Deputy Marshal under Marshal Hunt. Mr. Ashley writes, "although we saw no heavy fighting, hand to hand engagements were almost daily occurrences; the pistol and club were freely used, and victims of these encounters were numerous." His name occurs in a story of those times entitled "Hands Up," by David Cook, ex-sheriff of Shoshone County, Idaho. The guard was kept in Denver for eighteen months, when they were relieved by troops from the States. The spring of 1865 found Mr. Ashley at Fort Collins, where he had command of the provost guard at the post, its duty being to look up Government property. From there he moved up on the Salt Lake road to guard the Overland Stage line, and was stationed with twelve men at Rock Creek until the Indians drove them out. Soon after, he was summoned to Denver as a witness in the military trial of a soldier named Squires who had assassinated Captain Soulie. His three years then being up, he received his discharge.

Returning to St. Louis in the fall of 1865, Mr. Ashley remained there until the winter of 1866, when he visited his old home in Ohio, after an absence of eight years. Settling down in Tallmadge, he married, and remained there, with the

exception of about six months spent in Denver in 1867-68, until 1873. He then removed to Nebraska, and lived in Lincoln, Nebraska City and Weeping Water. While living in the latter place, he was appointed deputy-sheriff of Cass County, and removed to Plattsmouth, the county seat, where he lived four and a half years. He then returned to Weeping Water, where he ran on the Prohibition ticket for sheriff and mayor, but failed of an election, although running ahead of his ticket. He left Weeping Water in July, 1892, and after visiting Hariman, Tenn., and Lexington, Ky., came in August to Auburn-dale, in Toledo, Ohio, his present residence.

Mr. Ashley holds strong religious beliefs and in politics is a Prohibitionist, having allied himself with that party in the St. John campaign.

CHILDREN :

- 271. i. CARROLL, b. 18 June 1871 in Tallmadge, Ohio.
- ii. HENRY FITCHIE, b. 2 Dec. 1874 in Lincoln, Neb.; is a bicycle machinist in Toledo, Ohio. He is unmarried.
- iii. FANNIE TENNEY, b. 1 Feb. 1877 in Weeping Water, Neb.; d. 30 July 1878.
- iv. EDITH LUCRETIA, b. 16 Jan. 1886 in Weeping Water.

197. ANTHONY WAYNE ASHLEY (*Andrus*¹⁰⁰, *Oliver*⁵⁵, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 28 July 1825 in Sulphur Springs, N. Y.; resides in Sioux City, Iowa; married 22 April 1874 in Vinton, Iowa, ANNIE M. BOTHROYD, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Peel) Bothroyd, born 28 August 1832 in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Anthony Wayne Ashley is proprietor of a tobacco factory in Sioux City, Iowa.

NO CHILDREN.

198. ROLLIN MALLORY ASHLEY (*Ralph*¹⁰⁰, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 24 July 1827 in Port Republic, N. J.; resides in Port Republic; married 25 May 1851 in New Gretna, N. J., ELIZABETH CRAMER, daughter of Joseph Baker and Sarah (Thompson) Cramer, born 2 April 1831 in New Gretna; died 15 February 1867 in Port Republic.

Rollin Mallory Ashley has been a country merchant in his

native place for over forty-five years. He was appointed postmaster of Port Republic in January, 1862, and held that office until August, 1871, when his sister Ann was appointed. When she retired in January, 1877, he was again appointed, and served until March, 1882, his brother David then being appointed.

CHILDREN BORN IN PORT REPUBLIC, N. J.:

- i. JOSEPH BAKER, b. ——— 1852; d. 16 Feb. 1853.
- ii. JULIA, b. 14 Oct. 1853; m. 18 Oct. 1874, Joseph Allen Cale of Jersey City, N. J.
- iii. LAURA, b. 25 May 1857.
- iv. SALLIE, b. 24 July 1862.
- v. LIZZIE, b. 28 Feb. 1864.

199. DAVID BLACKMAN ASHLEY (*Ralph*¹⁰⁹, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 July 1840 in Port Republic, N. J.; resides in Port Republic; married 4 August 1861 in Port Republic, ALMIRA CAVILEER, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Martha (Allen) Cavileer, born 29 October 1835 in Port Republic.

David Blackman Ashley taught school in his early life. He later kept a grocery store in Camden, N. J., and still later kept a general store in Port Republic, N. J. About 1876, in addition to his store, he opened a printing office in that place, which he still conducts.

Mr. Ashley has been elected to several offices of public trust. He has been elected town clerk, and a school trustee repeatedly, and was twice appointed commissioner of deeds. He has been postmaster of Port Republic from March, 1882, to October, 1885, and from April, 1889, to the present time.

CHILDREN BORN IN PORT REPUBLIC, N. J.:

272. i. RALPH, b. 19 Apr. 1862.
273. ii. MAURICE CAVILEER, b. 3 July 1863,
274. iii. BERTRAM, b. 3 Feb. 1866.
- iv. WINIFRED, b. 27 July 1867; is a copyist and resides in Camden, N. J., unmarried.
- v. NADORA, b. 7 May 1869; m. William Smith and resides in Atlantic City, N. J.*
- vi. JANET, b. 7 Nov. 1872
- vii. NORMAN, b. 28 Oct. 1876.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

200. JAMES AYARS ASHLEY (*Rollin T.*¹¹⁰, *Leonard*⁸⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 November 1830 in Port Republic, N. J.; resides in Washington, D. C.; married 28 September 1865 in Washington, ANNA SCRIVENER, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ann (Weller) Scrivener, born 30 October 1844 in Washington.

James Ayars Ashley passed his boyhood at his father's home in Brooklyn, Pa., where he obtained his education in the common schools, mainly between the years 1835 and 1845. Beginning at the age of fifteen as a merchant's clerk in his father's store, he was then, in turn, an accountant in a seaside hotel; a pedagogue; an accountant in an iron manufacturing establishment in the East; a teacher of penmanship; and an accountant in a provision packing house in the West. In May, 1854, he settled in what is now Louisville township, Scott County, Minn. His brother Joseph joined him the following August, and they were associated in farming and mercantile business, until the financial revulsion of 1858 prostrated all business interests of the territory and compelled thousands of its people to seek a livelihood beyond its borders.

Mr. Ashley then became a newspaper correspondent, for various journals; a Head of Division in the U. S. Census Office; and a committee clerk for the U. S. House of Representatives. Since then, for a period of nearly twenty years, he has been an examiner in the U. S. Patent Office, and for many years a patent attorney. He has also held minor township and county offices. In all of these positions Mr. Ashley has performed a vast amount of useful, but generally unremunerative labor.

In 1864, while employed in the Census Office, a few weeks before Sherman's columns moved from Atlanta toward the sea, Mr. Ashley was called on to prepare a series of statistical maps for army use. Skeleton maps of the States of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina were obtained from the General Post Office; and his task was to enter in ink, in imitation of printed characters, in each County in these States, the number of its inhabitants,—white, free colored and slave; the number of horses, mules, sheep, swine, and neat cattle; the number of bales of cotton; number of pounds of rice; number of bushels

of wheat, rye, oats, corn, potatoes, etc., according to the Census of 1860. Upon the completion of the work, the maps were turned over to the War Department and, by the photographic process, were reproduced in sufficient number to enable General Sherman to supply a copy to each Division of his army.

Mr. Ashley writes, "I have before me a copy of a letter written by General Sherman, after the close of the campaign, in which he expresses his high appreciation of the practical value and importance, in a military point of view, of the information contained in these maps; and I have always regarded this work, including, as it did, much arduous labor, as my most valuable contribution to the success of the National arms."

Mr. Ashley resides in Washington, D. C. He has rendered great service to the compiler in collecting the records of many Ashleys in his branch of the family.

CHILDREN BORN IN WASHINGTON, D. C.:

- i. ANNA, b. 8 Aug. 1866; d. 16 July 1867 in Brooklyn, Pa.
- ii. BESSIE, b. 6 June 1868.
- iii. ARTHUR, b. 31 Jan. 1871; resides in Washington and is a mechanical draughtsman, mainly engaged in patent work. He is unmarried.
- iv. ADA, b. 6 Feb. 1873.
- v. EUGENE, b. 17 Nov. 1880.

201. NEHEMIAH BLACKMAN ASHLEY (*Rollin T.*¹¹⁰, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 September 1834 in Brooklyn, Pa.; resides in Scranton, Pa.; married 10 January 1860 in Stroudsburg, Pa., MARY MARGARET DRIESBACH, daughter of Daniel G.* and Dorcas Ann (Fowler) Driesbach, born 28 December 1838 in Beach Haven, Pa.

Nehemiah Blackman Ashley left home before he was twenty years of age to seek his fortune, and his life has been occupied in railroad building and mercantile business. During the years 1854 and 1855 he was with the civil engineer corps of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. In 1856 he was stationed at High Bridge, N. J., superintending the double tracking of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The

* Initial only.

following year he built a section of track at Beach Haven, Pa., for the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad Company. In 1858 he was engaged on the Brooklyn Water Works at Brooklyn, N. Y. During 1862 he was in mercantile business in Brooklyn, Pa., and the following year at Alexandria, Va.

In 1867 Mr. Ashley came to Scranton, Pa., where he has since been engaged in mercantile business, with the exception of part of the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, spent in New Jersey, building several miles of railroad known as the New York and Philadelphia New Line. He is a produce commission merchant.

CHILDREN :

- i. EMMA, b. 18 Feb. 1862 in Beach Haven, Pa. ; m. 25 Feb. 1885, David Henry Jenkins and resides in Scranton, Pa.
275. ii. HAYDEN HORATIO, b. 4 Feb. 1864 in Brooklyn, Pa.
- iii. ANNIE, b. 7 Dec. 1867 in Scranton ; d. 25 Dec. 1870.
- iv. DANIEL DRIESBACH, b. 12 Feb. 1870 in Scranton ; d. 20 Aug. 1873.
- v. RALPH BURTON, b. 31 May 1877 in Scranton ; is a student in that city.

202. ELEAZER ASHLEY (*Ethan*¹¹², *Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁸, *David*³, *Robert*¹), born 15 September 1830 in Sullivan, Pa.; resides in Kennedy, Pa.; married 19 June 1849 in Springfield, Pa., DAMARIS KENNEDY, daughter of Noble and Betsey (Muzzey) Kennedy, and sister of the wife of his brother Allen, born 3 February 1830 in Springfield; died 12 September 1888 in Delmar, Pa.

Eleazer Ashley is a farmer. He lived in his native town until 1868, when he removed to Delmar in the same county. He came later to the adjoining village of Kennedy, his present residence. He is a Methodist.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA.:

- i. GEORGE ALLEN, b. 26 July 1852 ; is farming with his father.
276. ii. THOMAS EDWARD, b. 19 May 1856.
- iii. MAHALA ANGELETTE, b. 14 Sept. 1859 ; m. 13 Dec. 1876, Comfort Beebe Horton and resides in Kennedy.
- iv. LODORNA ROSELTHA, b. 4 May 1865.
- v. HARRIET SUNAH, b. 16 Feb. 1870 in Delmar, Pa. ; m. 22 Dec. 1885, Fowler Fred Plumley and resides in Kennedy.

1837 in Sullivan; died 30 January 1876 in Sullivan. He married, 2d, 27 August 1878 in Blossburgh, Pa., EMMA MAY WOLCOTT, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Wolcott) Wolcott, born 7 June 1857 in Troy, Pa.

Richard Franklin Ashley has been engaged in farming since boyhood, and has always resided in the place of his birth. He is a member of the Disciples' Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA.:

By first wife :

- i. KATE ASENITH, b. 13 Sept. 1858; m. 1 Mar. 1881, Lorin B. Mudge and resides in Balsam, Pa.
- ii. PHEBE LOUISA, b. 30 Dec. 1860; m. 9 July 1882, Elbert Orson Connelly and resides in Mainesburgh, Pa.
- iii. FLOYD SOLON, b. 15 Jan. 1863; is farming with his father. He is unmarried.
- iv. MARY EVELYN, b. 22 Aug. 1865; resides at home, unmarried.
- v. JOHN FOSTER, b. 22 Dec. 1869; d. 29 July 1873.
- vi. ADELLA DEWEY, b. 17 Dec. 1873; d. 27 Sept. 1874.

By second wife :

- vii. RICHARD FRANKLIN, b. 21 May 1883.
- viii. ABEL LEONARD, b. 25 Apr. 1885.
- ix. EDNA MAY, b. 27 Apr. 1890.

206. FLOYD ASHLEY (*Forest*¹¹³, *Forest*⁶¹, *David*²³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 February 1837 in Sullivan, Pa.; resides in Mainesburgh, Pa.; married 10 September 1865 in Troy, Pa., ARMINDA LUCKEY DODGE, daughter of Aaron and Huldah (Welch) Dodge, born 22 February 1836 in Sullivan, Pa.

Floyd Ashley spent his youth and early manhood on the Ashley homestead near the village of Mainesburgh, Sullivan township, Tioga County, Pa.; assisting his father and older brothers on the farm in the summer, and either attending or teaching school in the winter months.

On September 9, 1861, in company with his younger brother Addison and others from the neighborhood, he enlisted in Company C, Fiftieth Regiment New York Volunteers (Engineers), for a term of three years. While in camp near Alexandria, Va., in March, 1862, he was badly injured in the foot and ankle, and sent to the Mansion House Hospital. During his

convalescence, he became so useful as wardmaster of the surgical ward, that after his recovery, in April, he was retained there until the expiration of his term of service. While he was denied the privilege of gaining laurels at the front, his services were none the less valuable; and there are hundreds from the battle fields of Virginia, now scattered over the country, who count it their good fortune to have fallen into his hands, after the enemy had finished his work with cannon, musket and sabre. He meets them continually when he travels from home, even after the lapse of these years.

On his return home from the army, Mr. Ashley married, and was engaged in farming for a time, but later became a resident and merchant in Mainesburgh, Pa.

CHILDREN BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA.:

- i. EMILY MARIE, b. 29 Apr. 1866; m. 17 Dec. 1892, Frank Welch and resides in Morris Run, Pa.
- ii. EVA LADORN, b. 3 July 1869; m. 5 July 1894, Attie B. Austin and resides in Morris Run.

207. ADDISON STERNE ASHLEY (*Forest*¹¹³, *Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 August 1839 in Sullivan, Pa.; resides in Sullivan (P. O. Mainesburgh, Pa.); married, 1st, 15 October 1865 in Mainesburgh, HARRIET ELIZABETH BRADFORD, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Merrills) Bradford, born 1 January 1844 in Sullivan; died 16 September 1874 in Mainesburgh. He married, 2d, 2 January 1875 in Sullivan, MARIETTE FLETCHER, daughter of J. David and Hannah (Kniffin) Fletcher, born 14 April 1850 in Smithfield, Pa.

Addison Sterne Ashley spent his childhood and youth on his father's farm in Sullivan township, near the village of Mainesburgh, Pa. He inherited the robust physique of his father, and when he had reached his majority his height was over six feet and he weighed nearly two hundred pounds. He enlisted in the Union Army on September 9, 1861, in Company C, Fiftieth New York Volunteers (Engineers), for a term of three years. He served in the Army of the Potomac and elsewhere. At the expiration of his term he reënlisted, and served as a non-commissioned officer until the close of the war. He received his discharge June 25, 1865, making over three

years and nine months that he had been in the service of his country.

"At the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 12-3, 1862, when the attempt to land troops from pontoon boats had failed and the engineers had been driven from the work of constructing the pontoon bridge in front of the city, Mr. Ashley volunteered to try, and successfully landed a detachment of soldiers on the opposite bank of the river and maintained his position until reënforced, and the completion of the bridge opened the way for the advancement of General Burnside's army."

Since the close of the war Mr. Ashley has been engaged in farming. He resides on the Ashley homestead in Sullivan township, Tioga County, Pa., where his father settled, and gave very kind and devoted care to his parents during their declining years.

He takes a leading part in the educational and political affairs of the community, and his neighbors consider him reliable authority upon all the questions of the day. He is prominent in the Grangers and other organizations, and, being a ready debater, is expected to be present on all important occasions.

CHILDREN BORN IN SULLIVAN, PA.:

By first wife:

- i. FLORENCE LILLIAN, b. 23 Oct. 1866; is a teacher in Mainesburgh, Pa.
- ii. FOREST JOSEPH, b. 9 July 1868; in a clerk in Mainesburgh.
- iii. ADDISON BERNE, b. 16 June 1870; is a teacher in Mainesburgh.
- iv. MERTON WELCH, b. 7 July 1872.
- v. BERTHA MELISSA, b. 21 Feb. 1874.

By second wife:

- vi. ELBERT FLETCHER, b. 22 Aug. 1876.
- vii. HOWARD STERNE, b. 21 Jan. 1882.
- viii. ETHAN ORANGE, b. 24 June 1886.

208. MILTON TYRUS ASHLEY (*Franklin*¹¹⁵, *Forest*⁸¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 November 1847 in Troy, Pa.; resides in Hopeville, Iowa; married 1 January 1869 in Hopeville, ELLA JANE OSMOND, daughter of William Rose and Ann (Samms) Osmond, born 21 January 1851 in Farmington, Iowa.

Milton Tyrus Ashley was brought in infancy by his father from Pennsylvania to Hopeville, Iowa, his present residence. He is engaged in farming, and is a member of the Disciples' Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN HOPEVILLE, IOWA :

- i. LYMAN BURTON, b. 12 Dec. 1869 ; is a farmer in his native place. He is unmarried.
- ii. HENRY RAYMOND, b. 8 Nov. 1871 ; worked on his father's farm until he was twenty, when he learned the printer's trade, which he has since followed in Des Moines, Iowa. He is unmarried.
- iii. ERNEST OSMOND, b. 12 Dec. 1874 ; left home at the age of fifteen to learn the printer's trade. He worked a year and a half in the office of the *Osceola (Iowa) Gazette*, of which his aunt Mary Osmond was editor and proprietor, and then went to Des Moines, where he secured a position with the G. A. Miller Printing Co. which he has since held. He is unmarried.

209. JOHN LEONARD ASHLEY (*Leonard*¹¹⁶, *Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 23 March 1845 in Sullivan, Pa. ; resides in ——— ; married FLORA LINDSLEY.

John Leonard Ashley was a soldier in the Civil War. He was mustered December 11, 1861, into Company B, Eighty-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, to serve for three years. He was in the Army of the Potomac, and was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, and after being exchanged was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps.

CHILDREN : *

210. LEONARD FOREST ASHLEY (*Leonard*¹¹⁶, *Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 June 1853 in Lafayette, Ill. ; resides in Jackson, Minn. ; married 13 January 1878 in Jackson, MARY ANN THOMAS, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Van Inwegen) Thomas, born 25 May 1850 in Montague, N. J.

Leonard Forest Ashley is a farmer in Jackson, Minn.

CHILDREN BORN IN JACKSON, MINN. :

- i. LEWIS, b. 26 Sept. 1879.
- ii. LESLIE, b. 19 Sept. 1881.
- iii. SOLON, b. 26 Nov. 1883.
- iv. HENRY, b. 15 Feb. 1886.
- v. ALLISON, b. 9 Sept. 1888.
- vi. MARY, b. 2 Sept. 1890.

* Names not reported.

211. LUCIEN SEYMOUR ASHLEY (*Simeon*¹¹⁷, *Thomas*⁶², *Simon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 22 February 1827 in Chili, N. Y.; resides in Fanwood, N. J.; married 6 January 1852 in Rochester, N. Y., MARIE LOUISE SPRAGUE, daughter of Asa and Maria (Brittin) Sprague, born 22 April 1829 in Schenectady, N. Y.; died 12 July 1885 at Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks, N. Y.

Lucien Seymour Ashley studied law in the office of See & Farrar in Rochester, N. Y., and came to New York City in May, 1849, being admitted to practice the following July. He continued in practice in that city until October 1, 1871, when he went to Europe, and remained abroad three years. After his return to New York, he resumed practice, but not actively until 1878; and from then continued until 1887, ill health then compelling him to give up active practice. He has partially resumed practice several times since, but now has permanently retired, and is residing in Fanwood, N. J.

CHILDREN BORN IN NEW YORK CITY:

- i. EDWIN SPRAGUE, b. 30 Dec. 1853; d. 1 July 1854.
- ii. FLORENCE, b. 22 Feb. 1854; resides with her father, unmarried.
- iii. KATHERINE, b. — July 1855; d. — Aug. 1855.
- iv. SPRAGUE, b. — Nov. 1856; d. — Jan. 1858.
- v. WALTON, b. — Aug. 1858; d. 27 Dec. 1868, while a scholar in a school in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.
- vi. SEYMOUR, b. ——— 1859; d. in infancy.
- vii. AGNES BATES, b. 11 Feb. 1860; m. — June 1886, James H. G. Mills of Highwood, N. J.
277. viii. ASA SPRAGUE, b. 5 Apr. 1864.

211½. LURENDUS BELINA ASHLEY (*Zenas*^{118 1,2}, *Zenas*^{62 1,2}, *Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 January 1813 in Burlington, N. Y.; died 30 November 1893 in Rochester, N. Y.; married, 1st, ——— 1849 in Cohocton, N. Y., ELIZA MOULTON, daughter of Chandler Moulton, born — 1830 in Cohocton; died four months after her marriage. He married, 2d, 10 April 1860 in Dansville, N. Y., SUSAN MATILDA WITTER, daughter of John and Louise (——) Witter, born — 1836 in Dansville; resides in Rochester.*

NO CHILDREN.

* Failed to send a biographical sketch of her husband.

212. GEORGE WHITMAN ASHLEY (*Thomas*¹¹⁹, *Thomas*⁶⁵, *Israel*³⁷, *Israel*¹⁰, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 13 December 1863 in Bloomington, Ill.; resides in Chicago, Ill.; married 18 October 1887 in Springfield, Mass., WINIFRED MARIETTA TAFT, daughter of James C. and Anna T. Taft, born ——— 1866 in Lincoln, Vt.; died in Chicopee Falls, Mass.

George Whitman Ashley was for a time a clerk in a store in Chicopee, Mass. He is now proprietor of a bicycle store in Chicago, Ill.

NO CHILDREN.

213. EDMOND HENRY ASHLEY (*Henry*¹²⁰, *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁵, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 1 June 1813 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 4 January 1893 in East Bloomfield, N. Y.; married 20 November 1836 in Norfolk, Conn., MARY JUDD, daughter of William Parmer and Sibyl Martha (French) Judd, born 5 April 1818 in Norfolk; died 4 November 1871 in East Bloomfield.

Edmond Henry Ashley was a hardware merchant. He came to East Bloomfield, N. Y., in 1840, and was in business there until his death.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT 1) BORN IN EAST BLOOMFIELD, N. Y.:

- i. HENRY WILLIAM, b. 18 Nov. 1839, in New Hartford, Conn.; is a hardware merchant in East Bloomfield. He is unmarried.
- ii. MAGGIE, b. 1 Jan. 1843; d. 15 Aug. 1865, in East Bloomfield.
- iii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 29 Sept. 1848; m. 23 July 1867, Orlando Thorpe and resides in East Bloomfield.

214. JOHN ASHLEY (*John*¹²¹, *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁵, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 23 August 1829 in Sheffield, Mass.; resides in Bridgeport, Conn.; married 5 October 1859 in Cornwall, Ill., EMMA AURELIA HAYDEN, daughter of Captain James Carlton and Clarissa (Phillips) Hayden, born 1 July 1836 in Winsted, Conn.

John Ashley attended the schools of his native place and was graduated from the Norfolk, Conn., Academy, having been educated for a teacher. He taught school for several terms in Canaan, Conn., and in 1857 removed to Cornwall, Henry County, Ill. He continued teaching in that place until the canvass of Lincoln and Douglass for the senatorship of Illinois,

when he entered actively into politics. At the outbreak of the Civil War he tried to enlist in the Union Army, but was rejected on account of ill health. In the meantime he had held the offices of justice of the peace, town assessor and county supervisor.

In 1872 he went to Nebraska, where he lived three years, and in 1875 he returned to Sheffield. He was elected President of the Board of Education, and served in 1876 and 1877 as school visitor and examiner. In 1878 he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., his present residence, where he formed a partnership in the oil business with Mr. Emory P. Sanford, under the firm name of Ashley & Sanford, in which he is still engaged.

NO CHILDREN.

215. HENRY ASHLEY (*John*¹²¹, *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 May 1832 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 15 July 1895 in Torrington, Conn.; married, 1st, 30 December 1858 in Sheffield, JULIA MARY TURNER, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Smith) Turner, born 1 September 1839 in Sheffield; died 5 March 1861 in Sheffield. He married, 2d, 12 October 1864 in Sheffield, MARY LODENA RIDER, daughter of Samuel Smith and Nancy Caroline (Bullmar) Rider, born 8 February 1843 in Sheffield; resides in Torrington.

Henry Ashley, at the age of sixteen, began to work under his father to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he followed until he joined the army during the Civil War. He enlisted October 14, 1862, as a private in Company K, Forth-ninth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, in which he served until his discharge, September 1, 1863. In the last week of March, 1864, he came to Torrington, Conn., and began doing cabinet work on organ cases and furniture. On April 1st he went to work in the sash and blind factory of Hotchkiss & Sons, and was with that firm nineteen years, during which time he did all of their undertaking work. November 1, 1882, he bought out their undertaking business, but was obliged to sell it two years later on account of ill health. He then followed his old trade until 1893, when, cataracts forming on his eyes, he was compelled to give up work altogether.

Mr. Ashley joined the Methodist Church in 1857, and has been an active member ever since, holding all the offices which constitute the official board, such as class leader, Sabbath school superintendent seven years, trustee, and president of that board, an office he held at his death. He was a member of Seneca Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., and of L. W. Steele Post, No. 34, G. A. R.

CHILD BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. A son, b. 5 Mar. 1861 ; d. same day.

ADOPTED CHILD:

- ii. LULA MABEL,* b. 13 June 1874 in Harwinton, Conn.; m. 21 Dec. 1892, Frank William Fuller and resides in Torrington, Conn.

216. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*John*¹²¹, *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 October 1834 in Sheffield, Mass.; died 18 October 1865 in Sheffield; married 1 April 1858 in Lee, Mass., MELVINA AMANDA SIMMONS, daughter of Philip and Hannah (Irish) Simmons, born 29 March 1831 in Chatham, N. Y.; resides in Ashley Falls in Sheffield.

William Ashley was a blacksmith, and carried on business in his native place, Ashley Falls in the town of Sheffield, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN SHEFFIELD, MASS.:

278. i. CHARLES STRONG, b. 28 May 1860.
 ii. MARTHA MARIA, b. 20 July 1863; m., 1st, 22 Mar. 1882, Miles Crocker of East Canaan, Conn.; 2d, 23 Sept. 1890, Auren Shores and resides in Ashley Falls.
 iii. WILLIAM EGBERT, b. 11 May 1865; is a farmer in Ashley Falls. He is unmarried.

217. FRANK ASHLEY (*Robert*¹²², *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 18 May 1853 in Brushy Prairie, Ind.; resides in Brushy Prairie; married 31 March 1880 in Odessa, Mich., ADELIA A. CLARK, adopted daughter of William Clark, born 30 May 1858 in Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

* She is a daughter of Lucius Denison and Isabelle A. (Knowles) Leonard of Litchfield, Conn.

Frank Ashley is a farmer and resides on the homestead in Brushy Prairie, Springfield township, Ind. He holds the office of town constable, and is highly respected by his neighbors.

CHILDREN BORN IN BRUSHY PRAIRIE, IND.:

- i. CHARLES S.,* b. 10 Mar. 1881.
- ii. ROBERT W.,* b. 21 July 1883.
- iii. RICHARD, b. 28th May 1887.
- iv. HELEN E.,* b. 28 May 1895.

218. WARREN ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 October 1827 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in DeKalb, Ill.; married 23 June 1853 in Hartford, N. Y., SARAH JANE WING, daughter of Benjamin and Orilla (Smith) Wing, born 20 March 1834 in Hartford.

Warren Ashley settled in his native place after his marriage and lived there until 1857, when he moved to Hartford, N. Y., returning in four years to Fort Ann. In March, 1866, he removed to Naperville, Ill., and four years later to Grey Willow, Ill. About 1881 he went to Beaver, Iowa, and in 1894 came to DeKalb, Ill., his present residence. He was engaged in farming up to a few years ago, but now is in no active business.

CHILDREN:

279. i. BENJAMIN WARREN, b. 20 Apr. 1854 in Fort Ann, N. Y.
- ii. ELLA LORETTA, b. 9 Oct. 1856 in Fort Ann; m. 1 Sept. 1881, Alvin C. Bowen and resides in DeKalb, Ill.
- iii. GEORGE HARVEY, b. Jan. 27, 1858 in Hartford, N. Y.; d. 20 Mar. 1872 in Grey Willow, Ill.
- iv. MARY JANE ("MINNIE"), b. 6 Nov. 1860 in Hartford; m. 26 May 1885, Charles B. Palmer and resides in DeKalb, Ill.
- v. NANCY OLIVE, b. 26 Nov. 1862 in Fort Ann; m. 7 Feb. 1883, Charles R. Green and resides in Chicago.

219. DENISON ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 April 1831 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; residence unknown; married 6 May 1864 in Fort Ann, SOPHIA HARRIET HIGGINS, daughter of Horace and Harriet (Parrish) Higgins, born 2 June 1832 in Fort Ann; resides in Troy, N. Y.

* Initial only.

Denison Ashley was a locomotive engineer. He "went West" and has not been heard of for twenty-eight years.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- i. CLARENCE, b. 8 Jan. 1862 ; d. 10 June 1866.
- ii. ALIDA EUGENIA, b. 18 Jan. 1867 ; is a school teacher and resides with her mother in Troy, N. Y. She is unmarried.

220. GEORGE ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 1 October 1832 in Fort Ann, N. Y. ; resides in Fort Ann ; married 20 September 1857 in Fort Ann, RHODA AURILLA MILLER, daughter of Ashley and Mary (Carleton) Miller, and granddaughter of Seth and Rhoda (Ashley 41, iii) Miller, b. 14 August 1835 in Fort Ann.

George Ashley is a farmer in his native place. He owns and cultivates a large farm, and resides on the old Ashley homestead.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- i. FLORA, b. 29 Feb. 1860 ; m. 7 Mar. 1883, Charles E. Roumelin and resides in Fort Ann.
280. ii. MARK ANTHONY MILLER, b. 15 June 1863.
- iii. ROGER JAMES, b. 25 Aug. 1866 ; d. 21 Oct. 1889 in Fort Ann, unmarried.
- iv. ROSCOE GEORGE, b. 27 Mar. 1869 ; is in business with his brother in Portland, Ore. He is unmarried.

221. ANDREW ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 December 1833 in Fort Ann, N. Y. ; resides in Fort Ann ; married 4 February 1863 in Fort Ann, HANNAH MASIE HASKIN, daughter of Samuel and Frelove (Tucker) Haskin, born 7 March 1831 in Fort Ann ; died 6 October 1888 in Fort Ann.

Andrew Ashley is engaged in farming in his native place.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- i. MARY ELGIVA, b. 16 Nov. 1863 ; m. 23 Dec. 1882, Warren Parker and resides in Dunham's Basin, N. Y.
- ii. JAMES SAMUEL, b. 16 Nov. 1865 ; was in the grocery business in Fort Ann for five years, and then traveled for a Cincinnati house a short time. He then came to Waterloo, N. Y., his

present residence, where he has been since employed in the woolen mill, first as a spinner and at present as a weaver. He is unmarried.

- iii. ARLESTA JANE, b. 27 Mar. 1868; m. 6 May 1888, William Eaton and resides in Fort Ann.

222. JEFFERSON ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*^{6*}, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 December 1835 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.; married 31 March 1860 in Fort Ann, DEMMIS ANN SNOW, daughter of Henry and Ann (Baxter) Snow, born 14 September 1840 in Fort Ann.

Jefferson Ashley is a carpenter by trade, and has been successful in his business. Being of a retiring disposition, he has never sought and, therefore, never occupied public positions.

CHILDREN BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- 281. i. EUGENE LIONEL, b. 20 July 1863.
- ii. JAMES HENRY, b. 6 Dec. 1865; d. 2 Feb. 1871.

223. JOHN QUINCY ASHLEY (*James*¹²³, *Roger*^{6*}, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 November 1837 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.; married 11 January 1866 in Fort Ann, OTTALINE STEWART, daughter of Levi and Louisa Emeline (Todd) Stewart, born 11 February 1845 in Mount Holly, Vt.

John Quincy Ashley left home at the age of nineteen and went to Illinois, returning home three years later at the death of his brother James, where he lived until the death of his father. He then purchased a boat, and was in the canal and lake trade between New York and Canada until his marriage, in 1866. From that time he worked at his trade, which is that of a carpenter, in Fort Ann, N. Y., until his removal in March, 1886, to Glens Falls, N. Y., his present residence.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN FORT ANN, N. Y.:

- i. CARRIE MAUD, b. 12 Oct. 1867; m. 12 Sept. 1889, Stanley H. Day and resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.
- ii. WILLIAM PORTER, b. 17 Aug. 1869; drowned 13 Oct. 1875.
- iii. FRANK GRANT, b. 11 Oct. 1874; is bookkeeper for the Haskell Company's shirt factory in Glens Falls. He is unmarried.
- iv. EMMA MARIE, b. 28 Aug. 1880.
- v. YULA EVANGELINE, b. 19 May 1888 in Glens Falls.

224. EDWARD EDWIN ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹²⁵, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴¹), born 25 September 1832 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; died 6 March 1872 in Paw Paw, Mich.; married 3 February 1857 in Wilson, N. Y., CHLOE LOZIER OLMSTEAD, daughter of Rowland Thompson and Ann (Tower) Olmstead, born 19 January 1831 in Milton, N. Y.; resides in Antwerp (P. O. Paw Paw), Mich.

Edward Edwin Ashley came with his parents to Kingsville, Ohio, shortly before his marriage. The day after this event he and his wife returned to his home, where they resided until February, 1864, when they returned to Wilson, N. Y. In March, 1868 they removed to Paw Paw, Antwerp township, Mich., where he lived the remaining four years of his life.

Mr. Ashley was a farmer by occupation, and also practiced veterinary surgery. He was an industrious man, always eager to do anything that would tend to improve his farm or surroundings. He was a moral-minded man, and a professor of religion. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilson, N. Y., in August, 1867, and was a member of the church of that denomination in Paw Paw village at the time of his death.

NO CHILDREN.*

225. JEROME BONAPARTE ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹²⁵, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴¹), born 26 March 1837 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in Burlington, Mich.; married 30 December 1858 in Kingsville, Ohio, HARRIET MEHETABEL HOLDEN, daughter of Ambrose and Abigail (Sanborn) Holden, born 6 February 1841 in Kingsville.

Jerome Bonaparte Ashley accompanied his father to Kingsville, Ohio, and continued to live there about eight years after his marriage. He then moved to Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Mich., where he remained twenty-four years, coming five years ago to the village of Burlington in the southern part of the county, his present home.

* But verbally adopted 22 July 1867 Charles Henry Gillingham, then about six years of age, who, by verbal permission of his adopted parents and not by process of law, has changed his name to HENRY GILLINGHAM ASHLEY.

Mr. Ashley has always followed farming as an occupation. His farm of 140 acres is of very fertile soil and lies well located along the St. Joseph River, about 80 acres being in the corporation of the village of Burlington. For the past four years Mr. Ashley has held the office of deputy-sheriff of Calhoun County, his son Frank managing the farm. He has also been elected a justice of the peace, and held the office of treasurer of the township for the term of four years.

CHILDREN :

- i. HATTIE MAY, b. 2 May 1863 in Kingsville, Ohio ; m. 21 Dec. 1887, Seneca Hazard Gage of Battle Creek, Mich., and resides in Burlington, Mich.
282. ii. FRANK EDWARD, b. 9 Apr. 1870 in Battle Creek.

226. GLOVER ASHLEY (*Joseph*¹²⁵, *Roger*⁶⁵, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born in May 1847 in Wesleyville, Pa. ; resides in Battle Creek, Mich. ; married in March 1867 in Kingsville, Ohio, HARRIET REISDEN.

Glover Ashley is a farmer near Battle Creek, Mich.*

CHILDREN :

- i. FRANK C.
- ii. LULU.
- iii. FREDERICK.
- iv. EDITH.

227. Dr. HARMON JUDSON ASHLEY (*Denison*¹²⁶, *Roger*⁶⁵, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 July 1849 in Freedom, N. Y. ; resides in Machias, N. Y. ; married 30 June 1880 in Ashford, N. Y., LUELLA ELECTA HADLEY, daughter of Ebenezer and Miranda (Hills) Hadley, born 24 January 1859 in Ashford.

Harmon Judson Ashley, after teaching school for a number of years in his native place, studied medicine with Dr. Day of Arcade, N. Y., and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, N. Y., in 1875. On April 2, 1875, he formed a partnership with Dr. Thomas J. King, since deceased, of Machias, N. Y. The partnership was

* He failed to answer the compiler's letters. His record was furnished by his brother.

dissolved by mutual consent January 1, 1887, since which time Dr. Ashley has continued in the active practice of his profession in Machias.

For about twelve years Dr. Ashley was the regular visiting physician to the Cattaraugus County Insane Asylum and County House. During the college year 1885-6 he attended a course in the New York Polyclinic. He has carefully avoided politics, being satisfied to devote himself entirely to his profession.

CHILD BORN IN MACHIAS, N. Y.:

- i. HARMON HADLEY, b. 18 Aug. 1883.

228. HOMER ASHLEY (*William*^{12*}, *Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*¹¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 22 September 1829 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in Boston, Mass.; married 15 January 1851 in Springfield, Mass., MARY TAYLOR, daughter of Franklin and Harriet Clapp (Tinker) Taylor, born 12 July 1831 in Springfield.

Homer Ashley, after pursuing a course of study at the Westfield (Mass.) Academy, entered the employ of the American Express Company in Springfield, Mass., on February 15, 1846. In 1850 he was transferred to its office in Boston, Mass., where he now holds the position of general cashier of the company.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN BOSTON, MASS.:

- i. CORA ISABELLE, b. 25 Nov. 1855 in Springfield, Mass.; m. 9 Oct. 1876, William Greely Whitney of Boston.
- ii. MABEL FRANCINA, b. 23 Sept. 1857; m. 20 June 1883, William Mason Sawin, a manufacturer in Boston, and resides in Bedford, Mass.
- iii. EDITH MAY, b. 24 July 1872; resides with her father in Boston, and is unmarried.

229. WILLIAM DAVID ASHLEY (*William*^{12*}, *Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*¹¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 15 May 1834 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in Grandin, Mo.; married 13 April 1863 in Springfield, Mass., ADDIE DUNN CARPENTER, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bradeen) Carpenter, born 22 April 1835 in Dedham, Mass.

William David Ashley lived with his father on the farm until he was eighteen, receiving such education as the district school afforded. In 1853 he became an apprentice to the machinist's trade in the Ames' machine shop in Springfield, and became a skilled tool maker. In 1867, failing in health, he emigrated to Nebraska and engaged in farming near Syracuse, Otoe County. He resided there until March, 1895, when he gave up farming and moved to Grandin, Mo., his present residence.

Mr. Ashley owned one of the most desirable and complete fruit and stock farms in the county, and was recognized as a thorough and successful farmer. Though cautious in his business relations, he has always been considered honest and truthful, and an accommodating neighbor. Exacting as a father, he felt pride in his farm and family, and provided well for them. He has never been active in politics, but usually has voted the Republican ticket. He never ran for office, but was appointed to the office of supervisor of roads for a number of years.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN SYRACUSE, NEB.:

- 283. i. DEXTER DAVID, b. 19 Mar. 1864 in West Meriden, Conn.
- ii. LUVERNE FRANCIS, b. 22 Apr. 1870; is a school teacher in Ashland, Neb. She is unmarried.
- iii. ELSIE MAUD, b. 19 Mar. 1871; was bookkeeper of the Missouri Lumber Co. in Grandin, Mo., and is now bookkeeper in a bank in Poplar Bluff, Mo. She is unmarried.

230. HENRY WOODRUFF ASHLEY (*Henry*¹³⁰, *Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 16 February 1855 in Westfield, Mass.; resides in Westfield; married 4 March 1896 in Newark, N. J., KEZIA WRIGHT ELY, daughter of Matthias Cowell and Kezia Wright (Stackhouse) Ely, born 5 November 1863 in White Haven, Pa.

Henry Woodruff Ashley attended the public schools of Westfield and was graduated at the Law School of Boston University in 1882. He was admitted to practice at the bar the same year, and immediately opened an office in Westfield, where he has been in practice since that time.

Among the offices that Mr. Ashley held is that of United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, which position he filled from 1885 to 1889. In 1892 he was chosen alternate

at large from Massachusetts to the National Convention at Chicago. He was also elected a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in the Legislature in 1892 and 1893, and while in that body served on the Judiciary and Railroad Committee. In 1896 he was again re-appointed United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue.

NO CHILDREN.

231. FRANKLIN KENDRICK ASHLEY (*Joshua C.*¹³², *Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 31 August 1851 in Deerfield, Mass.; resides in Deerfield (P. O. Bassett), Iowa; married 18 December 1876 in Charles City, Iowa, MARTHA VIOLA BEARD, daughter of Abraham and Mary Ann (Yeregan) Beard, born 31 March 1859 in Castalia, Iowa.

Franklin Kendrick Ashley is engaged in farming in Deerfield, Iowa.

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, IOWA :

- i. EMMA LEONORA, b. 26 Feb. 1877; m. 16 May 1895, Harry N. White and resides in Deerfield.
- ii. HARRY ALFRED, b. 11 July 1886.

232. AUSTIN CROSBY ASHLEY (*Joshua C.*¹³², *Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 13 November 1852 in Deerfield, Mass.; resides in Deerfield (P. O. Bassett), Iowa; married 4 September 1878 in Charles City, Iowa, CYNTHIA ANN BEARD, daughter of Abraham and Mary Ann (Yeregan) Beard, born 4 September 1856 in Castalia, Iowa.

Austin Crosby Ashley was brought in infancy by his father to Deerfield, Iowa, where he since has resided, except from 1892 to 1894 when he lived in Dickinson County. He is a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, IOWA :

- i. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. 4 Sept. 1880.
- ii. JOHN LEE, b. 19 Mar. 1884.
- iii. LLOYD JAY, b. 19 Jan. 1888.
- iv. OLIVE ERTER, b. 24 Sept. 1890.

233. JOHN GEORGE ASHLEY (*Joshua C.*¹³², *Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 13

March 1857 in Deerfield, Iowa; resides in Deerfield (P. O. Bassett); married 24 April 1893 in Niles, Iowa, MARY FRANCES FERGUSON, daughter of William Henry and Ida Joanna (Snyder) Ferguson, and sister of the wife of his cousin William L. Ashley (235), born 28 July 1867 in Niles.

John George Ashley is engaged in farming in his native town.

NO CHILDREN.

234. CHARLES HART ASHLEY (*Thomas W.*¹³³, *Thomas W.*⁷², *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*), born 13 February 1860 in Deerfield, Iowa; resides in Deerfield, Mass.; married 2 January 1889 in Deerfield, Mass., GERTRUDE GREENWOOD PORTER, daughter of Dr. Ransom Noble and Fidelia (Piper) Porter, born 23 December 1858 in Deerfield, Mass.

Charles Hart Ashley experienced the hardships and pleasures which come to a boy in a new and unsettled country. At the age of fifteen he went to live with his uncle Jonathan Ashley (131) in Deerfield, Mass. He attended the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School until his twenty-first birthday, when he associated himself with his uncle in the management of the old Ashley homestead, and their united efforts added to the possessions of the old farm, until now it contains 500 acres and is one of the largest in the town. At the death of his uncle in September, 1895, he inherited the whole of his estate, so that he now owns and occupies the old Ashley place in Deerfield, where his great-great-grandfather Rev. Jonathan Ashley settled in 1733. "The old bullet-proof house, erected that year, still stands, and is good for another century."

Believing that politics and business do not go well together, Mr. Ashley refuses all public offices, and devotes his whole time to practical farming. He became a member of Republic Lodge, F. and A. M., in 1896. He has taken great interest in this Genealogy, and has been indefatigable in collecting the records of his branch of the family.

CHILDREN BORN IN DEERFIELD, MASS. :

- i. JONATHAN PORTER, b. 5 Apr. 1890.
- ii. NATALIE MAY, b. 27 Apr. 1891.
- iii. MILDRED PIPER, b. 4 Apr. 1892.
- iv. THOMAS WILLIAMS, b. 9 Jan. 1894.

235. WILLIAM LINCOLN ASHLEY (*Thomas W.¹³³, Thomas W.⁷², Elihu⁴³, Jonathan²¹, Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 11 April 1865 in Deerfield, Iowa; resides in Deerfield (P. O. Bassett); married 15 March 1894 in Charles City, Iowa, ALICE LOUISA FERGUSON, daughter of William Henry and Ida Joanna (Syder) Ferguson, and sister of the wife of his cousin John G. Ashley (233), born 26 October 1863 in Niles, Iowa.

William Lincoln Ashley is a prosperous farmer in his native town.

NO CHILDREN.

236. ROBERT WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Samuel J.¹³⁶, Robert W.⁷³, Elihu⁴³, Jonathan²¹, Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 13 October 1844 in Davison, Mich.; resides in Davison; married 23 October 1884 in East Carlton, N. Y., ELLA BILLINGS, daughter of Myron and Minerva (Bemens) Billings, born 8 February 1851 in Carlton, N. Y.

Robert Williams Ashley is engaged in farming in his native place. He is also a dealer in agricultural implements and a bridge contractor.

CHILDREN BORN IN DAVISON, MICH. :

- i. HELEN MINERVA, b. 15 Mar. 1886.
- ii. MYRON BILLINGS, b. 17 Jan. 1888.
- iii. LEE JONES, b. 12 Apr. 1889.

237. RIVINGSTON ASHLEY (*Samuel J.¹³⁶, Robert W.⁷³, Elihu⁴³, Jonathan²¹, Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 13 March 1847 in Davison, Mich.; resides in Davison; married 24 December 1890 in Davison, EMMA MONTGOMERY, daughter of William A. and Mary (Ball) Montgomery, born 10 July 1861 in Sanilac, Mich.

Rivingston Ashley resides in his native town and is a farmer.

CHILD BORN IN DAVISON, MICH. :

- i. MARY, b. 13 Oct. 1895.

238. WILLIAM FREDERICK ASHLEY (*Robert W.¹³², Robert W.⁷³, Elihu⁴³, Jonathan²¹, Jonathan⁷, David², Robert¹*), born 30 September 1851 in Lyons, N. Y.; resides in Washington, D. C.; married 18 October 1876 in Albany, N. Y., JENNIE

STEWART, daughter of John Robert and Elizabeth (Wilson) Stewart, born 4 December 1853 in Albany.

William Frederick Ashley at the age of thirteen became messenger for Lient.-Gov. Jones of New York. In 1865 he began his apprenticeship at the printer's trade in the Wayne County *Democratic Press* in Lyons, N. Y., in which he served four years and a half. During the two following years, 1870 and 1871, he was foreman of the Hudson (Mich.) *Gazette*. From January, 1872, to January, 1877, he was in the employ of Weed, Parsons & Co. in Albany, N. Y. From 1877 to 1883 he was in the employ of the Albany *Argus* and the printing house of Charles Van Benthuyssen & Sons in Albany. He managed the Riggs Printing Co. of Albany from 1883 to 1893, since which time he has been "make-up"* in the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN ALBANY, N. Y.:

- i. WILLIAM FREDERICK, b. 26 Aug. 1877.
- ii. ELIZABETH STEWART, b. 24 July 1880; d. 14 Mar. 1883.
- iii. ROBERT WILLIAMS, b. 27 Dec. 1882.
- iv. CLARENCE STEWART, b. 22 Jan. 1885.
- v. HELEN TERRY, b. 28 Dec. 1888 in Delmar, N. Y.
- vi. ALICE MARY HOTCHKISS, b. 17 Feb. 1891.
- vii. GRACE STEWART, b. 27 Oct. 1893.

239. ROBERT WILLIAMS ASHLEY (*Robert W.*^{13*}, *Robert W.*⁷³, *Elihu*⁴³, *Jonathan*²¹, *Jonathan*⁷, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 14 January 1854 in Lyons, N. Y.; resides in Lyons; married 28 March 1879 in Port Byron, N. Y., PERCIS ANNE HARVEY, daughter of Daniel and Almira (Carrier) Harvey, born 20 August 1864 in Junius, N. Y.

Robert Williams Ashley resides in his native place. He has been clerk of the village and is foreman of the Wayne County *Democratic Press*.

NO CHILDREN.

240. EDWIN LUCIUS ASHLEY (*Charles*¹⁴², *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 October 1840 in Waterloo, Wis.; resides in San Francisco, Cal.; mar-

* A term used to distinguish the position from that of compositor. It is one of the preferred positions.

ried 29 March 1866 in Stockton, Cal., EMMA ROBINSON BRANNACK, daughter of Lyman Hibbard and Hester Ann (Withee) Brannack, born 16 August 1846 in Goodrich, Mich.

Edwin Lucius Ashley has been engaged in mercantile business and farming most of his life. He is at present State Pile Inspector and Harbor Commissioner of San Francisco.

CHILDREN BORN IN STOCKTON, CAL.:

- i. ALBERT LYMAN, } twins, d. 14 Jan. 1868.
- ii. ALFRED EDWIN, } b. 11 Aug. 1867; d. 30 Nov. 1880.
- iii. IDA EMMA, b. 11 Nov. 1869; is a professional singer, under the stage name of *Vila Sayne*.
- iv. GEORGIETTA, b. 31 Oct. 1884.

241. CHARLES ALBERT ASHLEY (*Charles*¹⁴², *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 2 March 1843 in Waterloo, Wis.; resides in Stockton, Cal.; married 1 April 1866 in Stockton, LOUISE JAHANT, daughter of Francis and Marian (Boucka) Jahant, born 1 June 1843 in Akron, Ohio.

Charles Albert Ashley came in boyhood with his father to Stockton, Cal., in 1852, and has since resided in or near that city. He is a farmer, his farm lying four miles southeast of Stockton.

CHILDREN BORN IN STOCKTON, CAL.:

- i. LAURA MAY, b. 28 Dec. 1866; d. 6 Dec. 1867.
- ii. CORA LOUISE, b. 31 Aug. 1869.
- iii. ALICE MARIAN, b. 30 Sept. 1871.
- iv. FLORENCE JOSEPHINE, b. 11 Aug. 1880.

242. ROBERT ASA ASHLEY (*Charles*¹⁴², *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 June 1846 in Waterloo, Wis.; resides in Binghamton, N. Y.; married 18 October 1876 in Mauch Chunk, Pa., LIDA ROSINA VANNEMAN, daughter of Isaac Dana and Wealthy Zyprah (Bennett) Vanneman, born 12 April 1849 in Auburn, Pa.

Robert Asa Ashley was brought by his father to Stockton, Cal., in 1852. He left there December 5, 1870, for Mauch Chunk, Pa., where his father had formerly lived, and which he reached ten days later. The following spring he went to Del-

mar, Pa., where he entered the store of his uncle Mr. James I. Blakeslee. In 1873 he was appointed station agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at that place, at the same time continuing his connection with his uncle's store, and was so employed until November, 1878. He then moved to Slatington, Pa., and from there to Binghamton, N. Y., in June, 1879, where he was engaged in the grocery business until April, 1886. He and his family spent the next year and eight months in California. On his return to Binghamton, he entered the employ of the Crandall Type Writer Company, and was with it until 1891, when he became contracting freight agent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Binghamton, a position which he holds at present.

CHILDREN :

- i. CHARLES ASA, b. 7 Nov. 1878 in Delano, Pa.; d. 21 Jan. 1880 in Slatington, Pa.
- ii. DOUGLASS VANNEMAN, b. 23 May 1881 in Binghamton, N. Y.

243. WALTER OLIVER ASHLEY (*Oliver*¹⁴³, *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 26 October 1835 in Claremont, N. H.; resides in Detroit, Mich.; married 2 January 1889 in Detroit, FLORENCE CLARK, daughter of Capt. John P. Clark.

Walter Oliver Ashley came to Detroit, Mich., his present residence, in 1857, at the age of twenty-two, and has been identified with the passenger and freight transportation business on the Great Lakes for over thirty-five years. He is senior member of the firm of Ashley & Dustin, owners of the "Put-In-Bay Route" of daily steamboats between Detroit, Put-In-Bay and Sandusky.

NO CHILDREN.

244. HERBERT HENRY ASHLEY (*Lucius*¹¹⁵, *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*¹⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 1 December 1843 in Nesquehoning, Pa.; resides in Wilkes Barre, Pa.; married, 1st, 23 October 1867 in Mauch Chunk, Pa., SOPHIA BIXLER STRUTHERS, daughter of James Robb and Ellen (Tolan) Struthers, born 18 January 1845 in Harrisburg,

Pa.; died 31 May 1871 in Newport Mines (now Wanamie), Pa. He married, 2d, 15 December 1875 in Plymouth, Pa., LYDIA KREIDLER DAVENPORT, daughter of Oliver and Livia (Ransom) Davenport, born 13 December 1847 in Plymouth.

Herbert Henry Ashley is superintendent and treasurer of the Parrish Coal Company of Plymouth, Pa. He resides in Wilkes Barre.

CHILD BORN IN WANAMIE, PA.:

By first wife :

- i. SOPHIE ELLEN, b. 25 May 1871.

CHILDREN BORN IN PLYMOUTH, PA.:

By second wife :

- ii. MARION LIVIA, b. 8 July 1877.
- iii. ROCCENA GOSS, b. 1 Jan. 1880.

245. ROLLIN ROBERT ASHLEY (*Lucius*¹⁴⁶, *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁴⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 March 1851 in Nesquehoning, Pa.; resides in Plymouth, Pa.; married 21 October 1874 in Mauch Chunk, Pa., EMILY FRANCES KLINE, daughter of Frederick C. and Marietta (Staples) Kline, born 27 June 1854 in Mauch Chunk; died 23 December 1884 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Rollin Robert Ashley is connected with his brother's business in Plymouth, Pa.

246. GEORGE WILLIAM ASHLEY (*William D.*¹⁴⁶, *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁴⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 21 August 1861 in Stockton, Cal.; resides in Stockton; married 19 October 1887 in Stockton, CLARA MARIA ALLING, daughter of Norman E. and Loretta A. (Morse) Alling, born 23 December 1862 in San Andreas, Cal.

George William Ashley has managed his father's ranch near Stockton, Cal., for the past eleven years.

CHILD BORN IN STOCKTON, CAL.:

- i. ALGIE LORETT, b. 18 July 1888.

247. ARTHUR HENRY ASHLEY (*William D.*¹⁴⁶, *Charles*⁷⁷, *Samuel*⁴⁶, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born

17 February 1865 in Stockton, Cal.; resides in Stockton; married 19 June 1894 in Stockton, LUCY ABIGAIL CADLE, daughter of Edward Fiske and Delia Emeline (Elsomore) Cadle, born 14 December 1864 in Stockton.

Arthur Henry Ashley was graduated with the degree of Ph.B. at the University of California in 1887. He is a lawyer in Stockton, Cal., and practices his profession in partnership with Mr. Richard C. Minor under the firm name of Minor & Ashley. He is a leading citizen of Stockton and is prominent in all matters of public interest. He was orator of the day at the celebration held at Stockton July 4, 1895, and his patriotic speech on that occasion appeared at length in the local press.

NO CHILDREN.

248. GEORGE NOLTON ASHLEY (*George*¹⁴⁸, *Henry*⁷⁸, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 September 1850 in Little Falls, N. Y.; died 27 February 1896 in Montclair, N. J.; married 9 October 1879 in New York City, RACHEL IRWIN, daughter of Thomas Irwin of New York City, who died 11 October 1887 in Montclair.

George Nolton Ashley had held a position in the Sub-Treasury in New York City, but, some time before his death, had retired from business and was residing at his home in Montclair, N. J.

CHILDREN BORN IN MONTCLAIR, N. J.:

- i HELEN LIVINGSTON, b. 30 June 1880.
- ii. GEORGE, b. ——— 1882; d. next day.

249. EGBERT FAIRCHILD ASHLEY (*Clarence*¹⁴⁹, *Henry*⁷⁸, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 8 January 1856 in Brockville, Canada West; resides in Rochester, N. Y.; married 26 December 1889 in Rochester, ELIZABETH EMMA McCONNELL, daughter of William and Mary (Hunt) McConnell, born 29 November 1859 in Rochester.

Egbert Fairchild Ashley was educated in Binghamton and Rochester, N. Y. At the age of eighteen he entered a fire insurance office in the latter city as junior clerk. He was made a silent partner of the firm in 1884, and was given a half

interest in the business in 1889. At the death of his partner, Mr. Samuel B. Raymond, in 1891, he became sole owner and manager of the business.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday school of Christ Church, Rochester.

CHILD BORN IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.:

i. MARY FRANCES, b. 15 Mar. 1892.

250. DANIEL CLARENCE ASHLEY (*Carlos C.*¹⁵¹, *Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*¹⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 19 August 1830 in Gaines, N. Y.; died 11 November 1889 in Windom, Minn.; married 4 July 1869 in Cresco, Iowa, LUCY STILLMAN, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Rosettie (Adams) Stillman, born 15 May 1847 in Franklinville, N. Y. She married, 2d, 14 June 1891 in Windom, Job Darrow and resides in Cresco, Iowa.

Daniel Clarence Ashley lived with his father in Nunda, N. Y., until he was eighteen years of age, attending the village school. He then went to Fox Lake, Wis., where he was a clerk in a store and hotel for two years. Returning to New York, he went to work on a railroad, now part of the Erie system, running out of Buffalo. In 1853 he moved to Chicago, Ill., and worked about two years for a "Yankee notion" firm. He then was a clerk on a Mississippi River steamboat until 1857, when he returned to Fox Lake, where he worked on his father's farm until 1859, in which year the family removed to Cresco, Iowa. He continued farming there until the fall of 1862, when he entered the Union Army. He enlisted in Company E, Thirteenth U. S. Infantry, and was at the siege of Vicksburg and in the Chattanooga campaign, and was then stationed with his regiment, at Nashville, Tenn., until his discharge, having been in the service three years. After leaving the army he was in the livery business in Nashville until 1869, when he returned to Cresco, Iowa, where he married and was engaged in farming until 1878. He then removed to Windom, Minn., where he continued farming for a year or two; next conducted a hotel; and then, up to within a few months of his death, kept a store.

NO CHILDREN.

251. CHARLES BARRON ASHLEY (*Carlos C.^{1st}, Daniel⁷⁹, Daniel⁴⁷, Samuel²⁶, Daniel⁹, Samuel³, David², Robert⁴*), born 18 July 1841 in Nunda, N. Y.; resides in Cresco, Iowa; married 17 March 1872 in Cresco, EMMOGENE BARBER, daughter of William and Eliza (Barnes) Barber, born 10 September 1849 in Canton, N. Y.

Charles Barron Ashley enlisted in the fall of 1861 in the Union Army as a member of Company I, Ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteers. He was first located at Franklin, Mo., guarding the railroad, until the Pea Ridge campaign opened in the middle of January, 1862. After the battle of Pea Ridge, March 7-8, 1862, he accompanied his regiment through Arkansas to Helena on the Mississippi, and was with Sherman in the First Vicksburg campaign, which resulted in the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs on December 29, 1862, his regiment returning to Young's Point. He was in the Vicksburg campaign, and participated in the battles of Raymond and Jackson, and the siege, joining in the assaults of May 19th and 22d, and was present at the surrender on July 4th. That night his regiment started for Jackson, and followed Johnston in his retreat to Brandon, where they had a sharp fight. The other engagements in which Mr. Ashley took part were Cherokee Station, Fall Run, Tusculumbia, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap, Resaca, Dallas, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Atlanta (July 22d and 28th), Jonesboro', Griswoldville, Savannah, Salkelatchie Swamp, Columbia and Bentonville. He was promoted corporal July 1, 1862, sergeant May 24, 1863, first-lieutenant June 15, 1865, and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 21, 1865, making a service of nearly four years.

Mr. Ashley is engaged in farming in Cresco, Iowa. He has held a number of local offices, among them those of town clerk, town trustee, justice of the peace, and a member of the school board.

CHILDREN BORN IN CRESCO, IOWA :

- i. HELEN ELIZA, b. 11 Apr. 1873.
- ii. SYLVIA BELL, b. 9 Sept. 1875.
- iii. CARLOS COOPER, b. 11 Mar. 1878 ; d. 6 July 1888.
- iv. WILLIAM RAYMOND, b. 7 July 1880.
- v. ERWIN MORRIS, b. 18 Oct. 1882.
- vi. MARY LOUISE, b. 27 June 1889.

252. EDWARD MESSENGER ASHLEY (*Carlos C.¹⁵¹, Daniel⁷⁹, Daniel¹⁷, Samuel²⁵, Daniel⁹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 17 November 1848 in Nunda, N. Y.; resides in Chicago, Ill.; married 8 January 1879 in Chicago, MARY ELLEN WINCHESTER, daughter of Capt. John and Susan (Woods) Winchester, born 10 December 1858 in Eastport, Me.

Edward Messenger Ashley enlisted in the Union Army, at the age of fifteen, in the Forty-sixth Regiment Iowa Volunteers, and afterwards in the Forty-fifth Wisconsin, and served until the close of the war. Mr. Ashley has been engaged in the grain and elevator business in Chicago, Ill., for the past twenty years, and built the plant of the South Chicago Elevator Co., of which at present he has the management.

CHILDREN BORN IN CHICAGO, ILL.:

- i. FRANCES HELEN, b. 29 Jan. 1882.
- ii. KENDALL, b. 19 June 1888.

253. COOPER NATHANIEL ASHLEY (*Daniel D.¹⁵², Daniel⁷⁹, Daniel¹⁷, Samuel²⁵, Daniel⁹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 25 December 1835 in Nunda, N. Y.; died 20 June 1894 in Fox Lake, Wis.; married 29 December 1859 in Ixonia, Wis., JENNIE ELIZA WILLIAMS, daughter of William and Ann (Edwards) Williams, born 26 September 1840 in Pulaski, N. Y.; resides in Fox Lake.

Cooper Nathaniel Ashley at the age of nine years came with his parents to Westford township, Dodge County, Wis. He continued farming there until his death, residing on the same land on which he had first settled.

CHILDREN BORN IN WESTFORD, WIS.:

- i. HATTIE LILLIAN, b. 24 Aug. 1861; m. 29 Dec. 1885, Peter Marden and resides in Fox Lake, Wis.
- ii. MARY HUMPHREY, b. 3 Nov. 1863; m. 20 June 1888, Henry Dickson and resides in Fox Lake.

254. LEWIS MESSENGER ASHLEY (*Henry H.¹⁵³, Daniel⁷⁹, Daniel¹⁷, Samuel²⁵, Daniel⁹, Samuel³, David², Robert¹*), born 17 September 1847 in Fox Lake, Wis.; died 23 August 1894 in Spring Valley, Minn.; married 20 January 1881 in Ran-

dolph, Wis., JULIA E. THOMAS, daughter of Robert Bailey and Julia Eliza (Wells) Thomas, born 9 August 1849 in Elkhart, Ind.; resides in Spring Valley.

Lewis Messenger Ashley at the age of nine years went with his parents to Hamilton, Fillmore County, Minn., where he grew to manhood. He enlisted February 8, 1865, at Rochester, Minn., as sergeant of Company F, First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, and was discharged from the hospital in Nashville, Tenn., August 23, 1865, by order from the War Department, his age being seventeen years. In 1874 he came to Spring Valley in the same county, which was his home the remainder of his life. He was associated with Henry Cobb in the drug business and later with N. R. Cobb in the dry goods business. He was also successful with farm machinery. For several years he had been dealing actively in horses, and at the time of his death was engaged in stock breeding.

Mr. Ashley was a good business man and was successful in his ventures. His everyday life was like an open book, frank, fearless, honest and honorable; and no business man had more friends. During his life he was honored with many offices, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the town supervisors and county commissioner from the third district. He was mustered into Burdick Post, No. 3, G. A. R., December 30, 1882. He was a favorite in the post and always was made its marshal upon all occasions. His Masonic record was a good one; he was initiated October 24, 1871, and raised to the degree of Master Mason December 26, 1871. He was a member of Spring Valley Lodge, No. 58, of Le Roy Royal Arch Chapter, No. 24, and of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 13, of Austin, Minn.

Mr. Ashley's health had been steadily declining for a year before his death. He was conscious up to the last moment, and died peacefully. His funeral was conducted with Masonic rites, a special train from Austin bringing a large number of his brother Masons, while many other lodges in neighboring towns were also represented. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. S. A. Middleton in the Baptist church, of which Mr. Ashley at one time was a trustee, from the text: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him."

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRING VALLEY, MINN. :

- i. WELLS, b. 1 Oct. 1881.
- ii. HARVEY EUGENE, b. 31 Jan. 1883.
- iii. IVAN LEWIS, b. 9 Feb. 1885.
- iv. RAY SPENCER, b. 2 Sept. 1887.

255. LOUIS PARDEE ASHLEY (*Yates*¹⁵⁵, *Daniel*⁷⁹, *Daniel*⁴⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 15 June 1868 in Pardeeville, Wis.; resides in Dorchester, Wis.; married 6 December 1893 in Loyal, Wis., ALICE DARTON, daughter of William E. and Sarah A. (Brasure) Darton, born 8 March 1868 in Hartford, Wis.

Louis Pardee Ashley is a merchant in Dorchester, Wis.

CHILD BORN IN DORCHESTER, WIS. :

- i. SYLVIA VIRGINIA, b. 15 Feb. 1894.

256. CLARENCE DEGRAND ASHLEY (*Ossian D.*¹⁶⁶, *Seraph*⁸⁰, *Daniel*⁴⁷, *Samuel*²⁵, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 4 July 1851 in Boston, Mass.; resides in New York City; married 12 August 1880 in Geneva, Switzerland, ISABELLA HEYWARD RIPLEY of New York City, daughter of Daniel Coit and Sarah Backus (Trumbull) Ripley, born 26 May 1856 in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Clarence Degrand Ashley in 1858 removed with his father's family to New York City. He attended private schools there until he was fifteen years old, when he went to Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., where he was prepared for college and graduated in 1869. In the fall of that year he entered Yale College, and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1873. Upon graduation he entered his father's banking office in New York and remained there until August, 1874, gaining business experience. During this period he gave private tuition in his leisure hours, successfully preparing several young men for college. In the fall of 1875 he went to Berlin, Germany, and for the next three years remained there studying German. While there, he matriculated at the Berlin University, taking courses in Roman Law and History. In 1878 he returned to New York and entered the Columbia College Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1880.

He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1879, and at once entered active practice in partnership with William A. Keener, now Dean of the Columbia Law School, under the firm name of Ashley & Keener. This firm was dissolved in 1883, by the removal of Professor Keener to Cambridge, where he accepted a law professorship at Harvard. Mr. Ashley continued to practice alone until 1887, when he formed a new firm, under the style of Dixon, Williams & Ashley. Upon the death of Mr. Dixon in 1891 the firm became Williams & Ashley, and is still engaged in active practice.

In the spring of 1891 Mr. Ashley became associated with Abner C. Thomas of the New York Bar in the organization of the Metropolis Law School. In June, 1891, through their efforts a charter was granted to the school by the Board of Regents of the State of New York. Mr. Ashley was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the institution and also its secretary. The executive management of the school was vested in an executive committee composed of Mr. Thomas and himself, and he was also appointed a member of the faculty as a professor of law. The school was successful and gained a reputation for thorough sound work. In the spring of 1895 the school was consolidated with the Law Department of the University of the City of New York, as its Evening Department. Mr. Ashley was appointed Professor of the Law of Contracts in the University and Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty. He was placed in charge of the Evening Department, which position he still holds. In 1895 the University of the City of New York conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.M.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the University, City and D. K. E. clubs, the New York City Bar Association, New England Society, Yale Alumni Association and other organizations.

CHILDREN BORN IN NEW YORK CITY :

- i. EDITH HEYWARD, b. 26 Jan. 1882.
- ii. MABEL PIERCE, b. 26 Dec. 1886.

257. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*William A.*¹⁵⁸, *William*⁶², *William S.*⁴⁹, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*³, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 6 June 1853 in Thetford Centre, Vt.; resides in Thetford Centre; married 17 November 1888 in Chelsea, Vt., Mrs. EMMA

JANE (BIXBY) MOULTON, widow of Herbert James Moulton of Manchester, N. H., and daughter of Frederick Plummer and Sarah Jane (Dodge) Bixby, born 3 May 1856 in Chelsea.

William Ashley is engaged in farming in Thetford Centre, Vt.

NO CHILDREN.

258. DENIS ELMER ASHLEY (*William A.*¹⁵⁸, *William*⁸², *William S.*⁴⁹, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 September 1862 in Hartland, Vt.; resides in White River Junction, Vt.; married 6 September 1884 in White River Junction, JENNIE NELLIE WARD, daughter of George W. and Mary Jane (Worby) Ward, born 13 March 1866 in Eaton, Quebec, Canada.

Denis Elmer Ashley is a traveling salesman. His home is in White River Junction, Vt.

CHILDREN BORN IN WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT. :

- i. SETH WALLACE, b. 21 Aug. 1885.
- ii. LOTTIE LUCILLE, b. 14 June 1888; d. 3 Mar. 1891 in West Derby, Vt.
- iii. HERBERT KIMBALL, b. 21 Aug. 1891.
- iv. MILDRED BELLE, b. 10 July 1893.

259. GEORGE FOSTER ASHLEY (*Zera W.*¹⁵⁹, *John*⁸³, *Martin*⁵⁰, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 30 December 1844 in Pokagon, Mich.; resides in Hammond, Ind.; married 9 May 1883 in Fargo, Dak., MARY BLATCHLEY, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Janes) Blatchley, born 27 February 1855 in Homer, Mich.

George Foster Ashley is a mechanic and lives in Hammond, Ind.

NO CHILDREN.

260. ALDACE BOARDMAN ASHLEY (*Lucius F.*¹⁶⁰, *John*⁸³, *Martin*⁵⁰, *Martin*²⁶, *Daniel*⁹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 24 January 1854 in Albion, Mich.; resides in Sacramento, Cal.; married 3 October 1876 in Albion, EVA ALMEDA VAN VOORHIES, daughter of John Jacob and Helen Marion (Hatch) Van Voorhies, born 16 November 1854 in Passaic, N. J.

Aldace Boardman Ashley entered the grocery business in his native town in 1874. In 1878 he went to Chicago, Ill., where he was employed as bookkeeper by the Continental Fire Insurance Co. for three years. In April, 1881, he removed to Albion, North Dakota, where he carried on a wheat and stock farm for eleven years. He was elected Registrar of Deeds of Statsman County on the Republican ticket four years, 1888 to 1891. In April, 1892, he removed to Sacramento, Cal., and entered the wholesale harness and saddlery manufactory of A. A. Van Voorhies & Co. as bookkeeper and cashier, where he is at present employed.

CHILD BORN IN CHICAGO, ILL.:

- i. EUGENE VAN VOORHIES, b. 25 Sept. 1883.

261. CHARLES ASHLEY (*Clinton S.*¹⁶⁷, *Noah*⁸⁵, *Noah*⁵¹, *William*²⁶, *Aaron*¹¹, *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 30 July 1866 in Richmond, N. Y.; resides in Richmond (P. O. Honeoye); married 2 June 1892 in Canandaigua, N. Y., ADELAIDE MAY HALL, daughter of Simon P.* and Mary Adeline (Wheaton) Hall, born 25 May 1867 in Richmond.

Charles Ashley is engaged in farming in his native place.

NO CHILDREN.

262. WILLIAM HENRY ASHLEY (*Henry C.*¹⁷⁶, *Chester*⁹¹, *William*⁵³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 10 August 1868 in Conway Co.,[†] Ark.; resides in Morrilton, Ark.; married 7 June 1893 in Morrilton, KATIE BELLE PARKER, daughter of William Jackson and Hallie (Jones) Parker, born 27 June 1872 near Pickenstown, Miss.

William Henry Ashley inherited his father's estates in Morrilton, Ark., and is a cotton planter there.

NO CHILDREN.

263. CHESTER MONROE ASHLEY (*William*¹⁷⁶, *Elisha P.*⁹², *William*⁵³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*⁴),

* Initial only.

[†] On the estate of his maternal uncle, Col. Charles Arthur Carroll, seven miles above Morrilton.

born 23 January 1861 in Wiley's Cove, Ark.; resides in Wiley's Cove (P. O. Marshall); married, 1st, 15 October 1882 in ———, Ark., FANNIE JANE RODGERS, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hargett) Rodgers, born 14 February 1864 in Columbus Co., Ark.; died 23 April 1890 in Wiley's Cove. He married, 2d, 23 December 1891 in Dennard, Ark., ELIZABETH ANN MCGEE, daughter of George M. D. and Mary Ann (Carter) McGee, born 12 June 1867 in the north part of Independence Co., Ark.

Chester Monroe Ashley is a blacksmith in his native place.

CHILDREN BORN IN WILEY'S COVE, ARK.:

By first wife:

- i. WILLIAM, b. 7 July 1884.
- ii. ELIZABETH JANE, b. 8 Dec. 1886.
- iii. DOVEY LAVATOR, b. 18 June 1888.

By second wife:

- iv. A child, b. 16 June 1894.

264. MATTHEW GRANT ASHLEY (*William*¹⁷⁶, *Elisha P.*⁹², *William*⁵³, *Stephen*³⁰, *Joseph*¹², *Samuel*³, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 15 December 1868 in Wiley's Cove, Ark.; resides in Wiley's Cove (P. O. Marshall); married 17 December 1891 in Wiley's Cove, MARY ISABEL BRYANT, daughter of James and Mary (West) Bryant, born 12 July 1871 in Savannah, Tenn.

Matthew Grant Ashley is engaged in farming in his native town. He holds the offices of school director and road overseer.

CHILD BORN IN WILEY'S COVE, ARK.:

- i. VERL VAN ALSTYNE, b. 28 Dec. 1892.

265. STEPHEN WETMORE ASHLEY (*James M.*¹⁸⁵, *Stephen N.*¹⁰¹, *Stephen*⁵⁶, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 September 1841 in New York City; died 14 November 1873 in Detroit, Mich.; married, 1st, 1 March 1863 in Chicago, Ill., ANN ELIZA WEEKS, daughter of George Stephen and Mary (Halstead) Weeks, born ——— 1840 in Oswego, N. Y. They were divorced. He married, 2d, 26 January 1868 in Detroit, MARIE BONIFACE, a quite noted and most excellent actress, who died about 1878 in Detroit.

Stephen Wetmore Ashley, after the death of his parents in August, 1849, was taken into the family of his uncle, Rev. Dr. William B. Ashley. At the age of seventeen he entered the theatrical profession, going on the stage at Buffalo, N. Y., and became an actor of considerable merit. He acted in some of the leading theatres in the East and West, playing such characters as *Myles Nacoppaleen* in Boucicault's "Colleen Bawn," *Green Jones* in the "Ticket of Leave Man," *Dick Swiveller* to Lotta's *Marchioness* in the "Old Curiosity Shop," and *Cousin Joe* in the "Rough Diamond." He died suddenly of congestion of the brain, while in Detroit, Mich.

CHILD BORN IN LOUISVILLE, KY.:

By first wife:

- i. EMMA PEIRCE, b. 28 Sept. 1864; d. 28 Jan. 1865.

266. WILLIAM JARVIS ASHLEY (*William B.*¹⁸⁶, *Stephen N.*¹⁰¹, *Stephen*⁵⁶, *Oliver*³², *David*⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 29 July 1842 in Portland, Conn.; resides in Rochester, N. Y.; married 25 October 1871 in Washington, D. C., KATHERINE WHITNEY LEE, daughter of Col. Arthur T. and Margaret Wentworth (Spafford) Lee, U. S. A., born 29 March 1851 in Fort Croghan,* Texas.

William Jarvis Ashley was graduated at Hobart College in 1863, receiving the degree of A. M. three years later. While in College he was a member of the Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. During the year succeeding his graduation he was employed as a civil engineer on the Cayuga & Seneca Canal at Geneva, N. Y., and on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1864 he entered a commission house in that city, but was that year appointed Government Clerk of U. S. Military Railroads. He was so engaged at Chattanooga, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., and in the Quartermaster General's Office at Washington, D. C., until 1866. He then removed to Rochester, N. Y., which since has been his residence. From 1866 to 1879 he was a clerk in the First National and City banks, and from then until 1883 was in business for himself as a banker and broker.

* It was in the Hamilton Valley and was abandoned.



WILLIAM J. ASHLEY.

In 1883 he was one of the organizers of the Merchants Bank of Rochester. He was its cashier from its organization to 1892, since which time he has been its vice-president.

Mr. Ashley has been, and is, the holder of a large number of offices of trust. He was secretary of the Rochester Safe Deposit Company from 1868 to 1884, and a director of the same ten years. He has been a director of the Merchants Bank since its organization in 1883. He was a member of the executive committee of the Rochester Clearing House 1892-94, a member of the committee of organization of the New York State Bankers' Association in 1894, and a member of the executive council and chairman of "Group No. 2" of the same in 1894-95. He has been a trustee of Hobart College since 1883, and president of her alumni association 1882-83, 1888-90, and 1895-96. For the past four years he has also been treasurer of the Infants Summer Hospital at Charlotte, N. Y.

Mr. Ashley has been a vestryman of Christ Church, Rochester, for about twenty-five years, and its Junior Warden and a trustee of the Church Home since 1889. For about twenty years he has been a deputy to the Diocesan Council, and for four years financial secretary of the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Western New York. He was elected a deputy to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1895.

CHILDREN BORN IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.:

- i. MARGARET LEE, b. 10 Sept. 1872.
- ii. MARY JANET, b. 26 June 1882.

267. HENRY DE LANCEY ASHLEY (*William B.*¹⁸⁶, *Stephen N.*¹⁰¹, *Stephen*⁵⁶, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 September 1856 in Syracuse, N. Y.; resides in Kansas City, Mo.; married 16 April 1884 in Kansas City, HELEN ALICE CHAPMAN, daughter of Edwin Hezekiah and Marie Antoinette (Haight) Chapman, born 12 April 1859 in Ballston Spa, N. Y.; died 31 October 1891 in Kansas City.

Henry De Lancey Ashley was graduated at Racine College in 1876, and attended lectures the year following at Kings College, London, England. He returned to Racine the follow-

ing year and taught in the Grammar School, receiving while there the degree of A. M. from Racine College. He spent the next three years in the study of law in Rochester, N. Y., and Milwaukee, Wis., and in 1880 came to Kansas City, Mo., where he was that year admitted to the bar.

Mr. Ashley was then for two years in the employment of the firm of Pratt, Brumback & Ferry. In 1882 he opened an office of his own, and has been in active practice ever since. In 1889 he took into partnership Mr. William S. Gilbert, who had been in his office for some time, the firm being now Ashley & Gilbert.

Mr. Ashley is at present attorney for the Board of Trade of Kansas City and the Chapman & Dewey Lumber Company, and local attorney for the American Express Company, the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, etc.; and has a constantly growing practice.

Mr. Ashley is an Independent in politics, and is a non-resident member of the Reform Club of New York City. He has been a vestryman of Grace Church, Kansas City, for many years, has been a deputy to the Diocesan Council many times, and was elected a deputy to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1895.

NO CHILDREN.

268. MARTIN LEROY ASHLEY (*Orson*¹⁹⁰, *Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*³⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 February 1850 in Oswego, Ill.; resides in Norwich, Kan.; married 31 August 1871 in Oswego, ELLA KATE JUDSON, daughter of Lewis Brinsmaid and Diana (Stafford) Judson, born 15 August 1848 in Oswego.

Martin Leroy Ashley after his marriage, in 1871, settled on a farm near Wamego, Kan., where he lived one year, when he became dissatisfied and returned to his old home, Oswego, Ill., and remained there five years. He then went back to Kansas, and was engaged in farming near Belvne, Pottawatomie County, for seven years, going from there to Kiowa County, where he took up a claim near Wellsford and stayed three years. He then entered B. W. Underwood's packing house in Hutchinson, Kan., where he was employed five years, two

years and a half as engineer, when the house shut down on account of hard times. He then came to his present residence, Norwich, Kingman County, where he owns a nice farm of 220 acres one mile from the town, which is a station on the Santa Fé and Missouri Pacific railroads.

CHILDREN :*

- 284. i. JUDSON LEROY, b. 7 May 1872.
- ii. MAY, } twins, b. { m. 12 Mar. 1896, William D. Jones and re-
7 July { sides in Norwich, Kan.
- iii. GAY, } 1877; { is farming with his father.
- iv. BERTHA ELLA, b. 15 May 1880.
- v. FAY, b. 25 Nov. 1881; d. 22 Mar. 1882.
- vi. HARRY BENNETT, } twins, b. 4 } d. 9 Aug. 1884.
- vii. HALLIE BELLE, } Sept. 1883; } d. 15 Aug. 1884.
- viii. MARTIN LEWIS, b. 29 Oct. 1885.
- ix. FRANK CARLTON, b. 28 Dec. 1888.
- x. GRACE, b. 23 Oct. 1891.

269. OLIVER PERRY ASHLEY (*Daniel*¹⁹¹, *Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*⁸⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 27 January 1851 in Oswego, Ill.; resides in Louisville, Ky.; married 15 November 1884 in Louisville, SARAH KIMMEY, daughter of Jonathan and Annie (Dickerson) Kimmey, born 1 November 1861 in Georgetown, Del.

Oliver Perry Ashley is a printer, and he has worked at his trade in all the principal cities in the country, his occupation affording him the opportunity for extensive travel. He has been settled, however, for some time in a prosperous business in Louisville, and intends making that city his permanent home.

Mr. Ashley is a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the National Union, a secret fraternal insurance order. He is prominent in Union Labor circles and has held many offices in printers' unions throughout the United States, in connection with which he is well and favorably known.

CHILDREN:

- i. MARIAN E., b. 4 Jan. 1886 in Erie, Pa.
- ii. GLADYS H., b. 27 Jan. 1891 in Springfield, Ohio.

* The first born in Belvue, Kan., the next two in Oswego, Ill., the next four in Belvue, the next in Wellsford, Kan., and the last two in Hutchinson, Kan.

270. WALTER ORSON ASHLEY (*Otis*¹⁹², *Otis*¹⁰⁴, *Daniel*⁹⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 25 May 1860 in Felton, Cal.; resides in Felton; married 1 January 1884 in Felton, ANNA ELIZABETH HARMAN, daughter of Leonard Spaulding and Augusta Elizabeth (Longfellow) Harman, born 6 February 1865 in San Francisco, Cal.; died 29 July 1891 in Felton.

Walter Orson Ashley ran his father's sawmill for several years, and since it was sold has worked on his father's farm in Felton, Cal.

CHILDREN BORN IN FELTON, CAL.:

- i. ESTELLA MARY, b. 2 Aug. 1884.
- ii. ALBERT HARMAN, b. 25 Oct. 1885.
- iii. LEONARD OTIS, b. 4 Oct. 1886.
- iv. SUSAN AVALINE, b. 23 Oct. 1887.
- v. AUGUSTA ETHEL, b. 9 Sept. 1889.
- vi. WILLIAM WALTER, b. 30 July 1891.

271. CARROLL ASHLEY (*Arlington O.*¹⁹⁶, *Anson*¹⁰⁷, *Oliver*⁹⁸, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 18 June 1871 in Tallmadge, Ohio; resides in Toledo, Ohio; married 15 August 1893 in Toledo, IRENE HOAG, daughter of Francis J. and Maria Theresa (Hoag) Hoag, born 19 March 1873 in Toledo.

Carroll Ashley is a bicycle machinist in Toledo, Ohio.

CHILD BORN IN TOLEDO, OHIO

- i. ETHELYN IRENE, b. 24 Nov. 1894.

272. RALPH ASHLEY (*David B.*¹⁹⁹, *Ralph*¹⁰⁹, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*⁴), born 19 April 1862 in Port Republic, N. J.; resides in Port Republic; married 17 October 1886 in Camden, N. J., ANNA JACOB BROWN, daughter of Jacob and Mary Anna (Chew) Brown, born 9 January 1869 in Cedar Lake, N. J.

Ralph Ashley received a common school education in his native place, taking a special interest in the study of natural philosophy. At the age of eighteen, being of an inventive and mechanical turn of mind, he went to Camden, N. J., and

apprenticed himself to the firm of M. A. Furbush & Son, machine builders, in which he remained nine years. In 1890 he assumed charge of the repair department of the Camden and Atlantic Electric Railroad at Atlantic City, N. J., which position he held two seasons, resigning it to become foreman of the Kennedy-Groschwitz Electric Company's shops in Philadelphia, Pa.

About the time electricity began to come into prominence as a motive power, Mr. Ashley realized its importance and adaptability, and began the study of its principles, with the result that he has taken out patents on five improvements and inventions relating thereto, the last being known as the Series Storage Battery. He returned to Port Republic in February, 1895. He has recently erected a shop in which to conduct his experiments, and writes that he is about to take up the electric carriage problem, which he thinks can be solved in connection with his battery.

CHILDREN:

- i. TERESSA, b. 21 June 1887 in Camden, N. J.
- ii. MILDRED ETHEL, b. 17 Nov. 1889 in Camden.
- iii. GENEVEVE, b. 11 Nov. 1891 in Philadelphia, Pa. : d. 2 Mar. 1894 in Camden.

273. Dr. MAURICE CAVILEER ASHLEY (*David B.*¹⁰⁹, *Ralph*¹⁰⁹, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*), born 3 July 1863 in Port Republic, N. J.; resides in Middletown, N. Y.; married 30 August 1888 in Jersey City, N. J., HATTIE MEAD, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Ayers) Mead, born 27 January 1868 in Coldenham, N. Y.

Maurice Cavileer Ashley received his early education at the public schools in his native town, and continued his studies under private instructors. At the age of nineteen he learned the bookbinder's trade in Philadelphia, Pa. He then followed the sea, in coasting trade, for two years. In 1884 he accepted a position as nurse at the State Asylum for the Insane at Trenton, N. J., where he remained until September 15, 1886, when he accepted a position as nurse in the State Homeopathic Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, N. Y. He attended two courses of lectures, and received his diploma as

a trained nurse in the spring of 1889. In September of that year he matriculated at the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended three full courses and was graduated in April, 1892. He passed the New York State Regents Examining Board the following June and the New York State Civil Service Examining Board in August. He was appointed Assistant Physician in the Middletown



DR. MAURICE C. ASHLEY.

State Homeopathic Hospital, at Middletown, N. Y., September 1, 1892, and still occupies that position.

Dr. Ashley enlisted in the 24th Separate Company, New York National Guards, May 22, 1888, and served as private and member of the hospital corps for five years. January 24, 1895, he was appointed, after an examination, Assistant Surgeon of that company, with rank of First-Lieutenant. He is also Inspector of Rifle Practice in the same command. He is a member of Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 412, of Middletown, and is also a member of the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society.

CHILDREN:

- i. RHEA EVALYNN, b. 15 Jan. 1891 in Philadelphia, Pa.
- ii. RETA LESELEY, b. 30 Jan. 1892 in Johnson's, N. Y.

274. BERTRAM ASHLEY (*David B.*¹⁹⁹, *Ralph*¹⁰⁰, *Leonard*⁸⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 3 February 1866 in Port Republic, N. J.; died 23 October 1893 in Camden, N. J.; married 22 December 1890 in Camden, LILLIE ROSS, daughter of William and Elizabeth (———) ROSS, born 17 November 1872 in Philadelphia, Pa. She married, 2d, Jefferson Wiggans and resides in Camden.

Bertram Ashley was a car inspector in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Camden, N. J.

CHILD BORN IN CAMDEN, N. J. :

- i. EMMA, b. 22 Dec. 1891.

275. HAYDEN HORATIO ASHLEY (*Nehemiah B.*²⁰¹, *Rollin T.*¹¹⁰, *Leonard*⁶⁰, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 4 February 1864 in Brooklyn, Pa.; resides in Scranton, Pa.; married 15 June 1892 in East Mauch Chunk, Pa., DAPHNE TWINING, daughter of George W.* and Sallie Ann (Slatter) Twining, born 17 September 1870 in Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Hayden Horatio Ashley is cashier of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad at Scranton, Pa.

NO CHILDREN.

276. THOMAS EDWARD ASHLEY (*Eleazer*²⁰², *Ethan*¹¹², *Forest*⁶¹, *David*³³, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 May 1856 in Sullivan, Pa.; resides in Kennedy, Pa.; married 4 July 1882 in Delmar, Pa., ESTELLA JANE KENNEDY, daughter of Rev. Aury and Achsa (Hugg) Kennedy, born 11 October 1862 in Delmar.

Thomas Edward Ashley is a farmer in Kennedy, Pa.

CHILDREN BORN IN DELMAR, PA. :

- i. LEONARD RUFUS, b. 3 July 1886.
- ii. ISAAC FREEMAN, b. 22 Apr. 1892.

* Initial only.

277. Rev. ASA SPRAGUE ASHLEY (*L. Seymour*²¹¹, *Simeon*¹¹⁷, *Thomas*⁶², *Simeon*³⁴, *David*¹⁴, *David*¹, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 5 April 1864 in New York City; resides in Meriden, Conn.; married 20 July 1886 in Nashotah, Wis., ANNE FISHER BUSH, daughter of Leverett Johnson and Harriet Lucy (Wilson) Bush, born 12 May 1868 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Asa Sprague Ashley passed his boyhood in New York City, Nice, France, and Morristown, N. J., and from the age of fifteen to twenty-one in New York City again. He was graduated at Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., in June, 1890, ordained Deacon by Bishop Williams on June 7th, and ordained Priest in the Cathedral at Albany by Bishop Doane December 21, 1890. His first parish was Otsego, N. Y., and he came to his present parish, Meriden, Conn., June 1, 1892.

CHILDREN :

- i. SPRAGUE WALTER, b. 31 May 1887.
- ii. LUCY WILSON, b. 7 June 1890.
- iii. ANNE BUSH, b. 2 Nov. 1892.

278. CHARLES STRONG ASHLEY (*William*²¹⁶, *John*¹²¹, *John*⁶⁶, *John*⁴⁰, *John*¹⁸, *John*⁵, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 28 May 1860 in Sheffield, Mass.; resides in Sheffield (P. O. Ashley Falls); married 1 January 1894 in Mill River, Mass., Mrs. MARIETTA (HARRIS) BRIGGS, widow of Joseph Frank Briggs of Sandisfield, Mass., and daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Seeley) Harris, born 27 March 1858 in Sheffield.

Charles Strong Ashley is engaged in farming in his native town.

NO CHILDREN.

279. BENJAMIN WARREN ASHLEY (*Warren*²¹⁸, *James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 20 April 1854 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in DeKalb, Ill.; married 3 January 1883 in Jefferson, Iowa, IDA MAY SMITH, daughter of John Henry and Katherine (McIntyre) Smith, born 6 June 1857 in Knoxville, Iowa.

Benjamin Warren Ashley at the age of eighteen commenced teaching school, and was so engaged in Illinois for five years, when he was made superintendent of a school in Ripley, Iowa. He then went to Colorado to take charge of a school in Idaho

Springs, where he remained two years. He was then for three years principal of a graded school in Paton, Iowa, during which time he was married. For the next four years he was professor of sciences and mathematics at Fort Dodge College, and from there went to Wayne, Neb., where he was superintendent of the graded schools four years more. His health failing, he returned to his old home in DeKalb, Ill., where he is at present in the office of Mr. George Shellaburger, manufacturer of wire fencing.

CHILD BORN IN PATON, IOWA :

- i. GEORGE HARRY, b. 13 Jan. 1884 ; d. 9 Sept. 1885.

280. MARK ANTHONY MILLER ASHLEY (*George*²²⁰, *James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 15 June 1863 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in Portland, Ore.; married 17 July 1889 in Portland, MABEL WILLIS, daughter of Parish Lovejoy and Irene (Stratton) Willis, born 16 January 1869 in Salem, Ore.

Mark Anthony Miller Ashley is secretary of the M. A. M. Ashley & Co., street car and special advertising brokers, of Portland, Ore., and Tacoma, Wash.

CHILD BORN IN PORTLAND, ORE. :

- i. WILLIS STRATTON, b. 5 Mar. 1895.

281. EUGENE LIONEL ASHLEY (*Jefferson*²²², *James*¹²³, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*^t), born 20 July 1863 in Fort Ann, N. Y.; resides in Glens Falls, N. Y.; married 8 January 1889 in Glens Falls, ELISABETH HITCHCOCK, daughter of Alfred and Phoebe (Finch) Hitchcock, born 4 June 1865 in Moreau, N. Y.

Eugene Lionel Ashley studied law and was admitted to the bar in January, 1885. The following April he formed a co-partnership with Melville A. Sheldon of Glens Falls, N. Y., and practiced law under the firm name of Sheldon & Ashley until June, 1888, when the firm of Sheldon, King* & Ashley was organized. They continued the practice of law until

* H. Prior King.

January 9, 1890, when Mr. Sheldon died, and King & Ashley have continued to practice law as co-partners to the present time.

CHILD BORN IN GLENS FALLS, N. Y.:

i. KATE ROBERTSON, b. 21 Apr. 1891.

282. FRANK EDWARD ASHLEY (*Jerome B.*²²⁵, *Joseph*¹²⁶, *Roger*⁶⁸, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 9 April 1870 in Battle Creek, Mich.; resides in Burlington, Mich.; married 24 October 1894 in Litchfield, Mich., NELLIE FANNY BUELL, daughter of Jerome and Julia (Lewis) Buell, born 7 April 1873 in Parma, Mich.

Frank Edward Ashley pursued a course of study in a business college, but on reaching manhood chose a farmer's life, and is now managing his father's large farm in Burlington, Mich.

NO CHILDREN.

283. DR. DEXTER DAVID ASHLEY (*William D.*²²⁹, *William*¹²⁸, *Eli*⁷¹, *Joseph*⁴¹, *James*¹⁹, *Joseph*⁶, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 19 March 1864 in West Meriden, Conn.; resides in Grandin, Mo.; married 20 June 1893 in Waco, Neb., JENNIE TAGG, daughter of Thomas Coultas and Mary Elizabeth (Bodine) Tagg, born 4 October 1868 in Holden, Mo.

Dexter David Ashley was graduated at the Nebraska State Normal School in Peru, Neb., in 1890. During the two following years he was professor of natural science in the Beatrice (Neb.) High School. He then entered the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, at which he was graduated in March, 1895, and has begun the practice of his profession in Grandin, Mo.

NO CHILDREN.

284. JUDSON LEROY ASHLEY (*Martin L.*²⁶⁸, *Orson*¹⁹⁰, *Daniel*¹⁰³, *Daniel*⁵⁷, *Oliver*³², *David*¹⁴, *David*⁴, *David*², *Robert*¹), born 7 May 1872 in Belvue, Kan.; resides in Hutchinson, Kan.; married 11 July 1895 in Hutchinson, ROSA KROEKER, daughter of Abraham and Rosa (Werrbach) Kroeker, born 30 July 1876 in Marshall, Mo.

Judson Leroy Ashley is an engineer at the packing house in Hutchinson, Kan.

NO CHILDREN.

PART II.

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285. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Robert*^a), born 25 February 1645-6 in Springfield, Mass.; died early in February* 1704-5 in Hartford, Conn.; married 10 November 1669 in Springfield[†], SARAH WADSWORTH, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Stone) Wadsworth, bapt. 17 March 1650 in Hartford; died ?

Jonathan Ashley settled on a farm in the northerly part of Springfield. He was chosen constable in 1670 and surveyor of highways in 1672. In 1671 William Hunter complained to the court that Jonathan Ashley and his wife Sarah were harboring his daughter Sarah Hunter in their house against his wish.[‡] May 4, 1674, the town granted Jonathan Ashley ten acres of upland and swamp "on the brook at the head of the plain above 3 Corner Meadow." He took the oath of allegiance at Springfield January 1, 1678-9. At a court held there September 30, 1679, Jonathan and Joseph Ashley sued Isaac Morgan "for refusing or neglecting y^e performance of a bargain for y^e doing of a parcel of fence."[§] March 28, 1682, Jonathan Ashley of Springfield is sued by Richard Lord of Hartford for a debt of £20. The case was settled out of court, the plaintiff paying the entry money and the defendant the costs, which amounted to fourteen shillings.^{||}

* Probably, as his will was made 27 Jan. 1704-5 and his inventory was taken 28 Feb. 1704-5.

[†] At least recorded there.

[‡] Hampsh. Co. Court Rec., vol. 1, p. 132.

§ Ditto, p. 202.

|| Ditto, p. 218.

Jonathan Ashley moved to Hartford, Conn., and was propounded a freeman of Connecticut October 11, 1683, and was admitted May 8, 1684. He continued to reside in Hartford until his death. In 1692 he sold to Col. John Pyncheon of Springfield four acres of meadow upon Poor Brook, near "Skeepnuck" in that town, but the sale was not recorded until February 10, 1698-9.* On July 30, 1694, Jonathan Ashley and his wife Sarah deeded to Edward Stebbins of Springfield "seven acres of land situated in the upper meadows on the lower side of the causeway that leads towards Hadley."† On July 8, 1696, he sold his "home lot in the northerly part of Springfield" to Peletiah Glover, his wife Sarah joining in the deed.* He still owned land in Springfield, and was present at a meeting of the proprietors held there March 20, 1698-9.

Jonathan Ashley was a considerable land holder in Hartford, owned eighty acres of land in Plainfield, and was interested in a sawmill "in Greenfield in Windsor bounds." He was a member of the First Congregational Church both in Springfield and Hartford. He left an estate of £1,030.†

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTFORD, CONN.:

- 286. i. JONATHAN, b. 23 Aug. 1674.‡
- 287. ii. JOSEPH, b. about 1677.
- 288. iii. SAMUEL, bapt. 26 Feb. 1687-8.
- iv. SARAH, bapt. 13 Feb. 1703-4.
- v. REBECCA, b.

286. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 23 August 1674 in Hartford, Conn.; died 7 May 1750 in Hartford; married 20 May 1703 in Hartford, ELIZABETH OLCOTT, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Stocking) Olcott.

Jonathan Ashley settled in Hartford. He was a farmer and inherited his father's house and land "over the river." He was original proprietor of Winchester, Conn., and his name is

* Deed recorded at Springfield.

† His will, dated 27 Jan. 1704-5, proved 6 Mar. 1704-5, mentions his wife and children, Jonathan (to have his "house and land over the river"), Joseph (his "present dwelling"), Samuel (his "land in Plainfield"), Sarah and Rebecca (not 18 years old), and his "father Wadsworth." [Hart. Prob. Rec., vol. 7, p. 120.]

‡ Recorded in Springfield as born in Hartford.

in the division of May 14, 1744, the value of his land being £52. He was a party to several law suits in connection with real estate.* He and his wife were members of the First Congregational Church in Hartford. He was buried in the "Old Yard" in that city, but no stone marks his grave.†

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTFORD, CONN.:

- i. SARAH, b. 19 Feb. 1704-5; was living in Hartford in 1751, unmarried.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. 10 Aug. 1706; d. 4 Dec. 1708.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 29‡ Sept. 1708; m. Thomas Olcott of New Hartford, Conn.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. 30 Apr. 1710; inherited all his father's land and paid legacies to his sisters. He resided in Hartford and was a considerable land owner there. In August, 1764, he was imprisoned in Hartford jail for a debt which he refused to pay Jonathan Seymour, Jr. In order to be released he conveyed to Seymour fifty acres of land, the latter to sell enough to satisfy his claim (a small one) and return the balance. Seymour sold thirty acres to William Hooker for a sum much in excess of the debt, refusing to return the balance. A law suit resulted which dragged along ten years, and appears finally to have been dropped.§ He d. 13 June 1770 of small pox, and was buried in the Old Cemetery in Hartford, but no stone marks his grave.|| Administration was granted on his estate 2 Nov. 1777.** He left a widow MARY††, about whom nothing further is known, but no children.
- v. MARY, bapt. 28 Sept. 1713-4; m. Benjamin Gaylord of Farmington, Conn.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 20 Nov. 1715; was living in Hartford in 1751, unmarried.
- vii. RACHEL, bapt. 9 Mar. 1717-8; m. Stephen Turner of Hartford.
- viii. EUNICE, bapt. 3 July 1720; was living in Hartford in 1759, unmarried.
- ix. ANNE, bapt. 11 Aug. 1728; d. young.

* See "Colonial Records of Connecticut."

† His will, dated 3 Sept. 1745, proved 7 Aug. 1750, mentions all his children except Anne. [Hart. Prob. Rec., vol. 15, 2d page (not numbered).]

‡ By Hart. T. Rec., but bapt. 13 by First Ch. Rec.

§ "Colonial Records of Connecticut," vol. 13.

|| Rec. of Sexton of "Old Yard" in Hart.

** To Isaac Turner of Hartford, who took the inventory 7 Jan. 1778. [Hart. Prob. Rec., vol. 22, p. 146.]

†† Ditto, vol. 23, p. 4. His sisters received legacies. See also Hart. Land Rec., vol. 8, p. 306.

287. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born about 1677 in Hartford, Conn.; died 29 March 1754 in Hartford; married, 1st, 28 December 1709 in Hartford, MARY MIX,* who died 23 June 1710 in Hartford. He married, 2d, 2 December 1714 in Hartford, Mrs. MARY (STEELE) GOODWIN, widow of Samuel Goodwin of Hartford, and daughter of Lieut. James and Sarah (Barnard) Steele, baptized 20 March 1687 in Hartford; died ?

Joseph Ashley inherited his father's home and farm in Hartford, and lived there all his life. He united with the First Church in 1710 and with the Second Church in 1715. He was buried in the Old Graveyard in Hartford, but his grave is unmarked.†

CHILDREN BORN IN HARTFORD, CONN.:

By first wife:

- i. MARY, b. 11 June 1710 ;‡ d. in infancy.

By second wife:

- ii. MARY, bapt. 20 Nov. 1715 ; m. 25 Apr. 1744, Daniel Eggleston of Windsor, Conn.
 iii. HANNAH, bapt. 13 Oct. 1717 ; m. 19 Jan. 1748-9, Samuel Day of Hartford.
 iv. ANNE, bapt. 5 June 1720 ; m. Solomon Clark of Windsor.
 v. JERUSHA, bapt. 20 Jan. 1722-3 ; m. 9 Aug. 1744, Benedict Alvord of Windsor.

288. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), baptized 26 February 1687-8 in Hartford, Conn.; died 12 February 1771 in Hampton, Conn.;§ married 19 August 1717 in Lebanon, Conn.,|| ELIZABETH KINGSBURY, daughter of Deacon Joseph and Love (Ayres) Kingsbury of Franklin, Conn., born 16 October 1693 in Haverhill, Mass.; died 21 August 1750** in Hampton.

Samuel Ashley inherited his father's farm of eighty acres in

* By "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 13, p. 142. Her name has also been read Wix and Weeks.

† His will, dated 2 Feb. 1748-9, proved 7 May 1754, mentions his wife and four children, and "sons-in-law Samuel Day of Hartford and Solomon Clark of Windsor." [Hart. Prob. Rec., vol. 17, p. 55.] His inventory, taken 4 June 1754, amounted to £189.

‡ Bapt. 9 July 1710.

§ In his 83d year.

|| By Leb. T. Rec.

** By Wind. T. Rec., 1751 by Weaver's "Ancient Windham."

Plainfield, Conn., and removed there from Hartford. In April, 1717, he bought of John Fitch two hundred acres of land in the northeast part of Windham, Conn., on both sides of Little River, for which he paid £180. This homestead farm is in the North Bigelow district of the present town of Hampton, and was owned in the family until 1863.

Samuel Ashley was commissioned ensign of the Northeast Company in the town of Windham on October 8, 1730. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Windham, and one of the original members of the church in Hampton. He was a man of substance, and evidently one of the leading men in the section of the town in which he lived. His youngest son inherited his homestead.*

CHILDREN (EXCEPT I) BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN. :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. ——— 1718 in ? Plainfield, Conn.; † m. James Bemis of Hampton.
- 289. ii. SAMUEL, b. 27 Nov. 1720.
- 290. iii. ABNER, b. 10 May 1722.
- iv. SUSANNAH, b. 5 June 1724; m. 8 Nov. 1742, John Hovey of Hampton.
- 291. v. JOSEPH, b. 1 June 1728.
- vi. LOVE, b. 19 July 1731; d. in infancy, probably.
- vii. JONATHAN, b. 4 Aug. 1737; d. 13 June 1740.

289. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁶⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 27 November 1720 in Hampton, Conn.; died in February 1791[‡] in Hampton; married 23 November 1746 in Hampton, RUTH CRESSEY, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Ingleson) Cressey, and sister of his brothers' wives, baptized 13 March 1725-6 in Salem, Mass.; died?

Samuel Ashley was a farmer in Hampton, Conn.

NO CHILDREN.

* His will, dated 29 Dec. 1766, mentions his "eldest son Samuel has already had his share," but gives him, "my oldest gun," his son Abner, "one acre and five shillings," grandchildren, Elizabeth Bemis and Susan and Abigail Hovey, and his son Joseph, "all my real estate, lands, buildings, timber, fences, and all movable estate outdoor and indoor." [Wind. Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 202.]

† But not on record.

‡ Administration on his estate was granted then to his nephew Abner Ashley. His and his wife's deaths are not on record, nor are their graves marked.

290. ABNER ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*¹), born 10 May 1722 in Hampton, Conn.; died 17th February 1801 in Hampton; married, 1st, 5 March 1745-6 in Hampton, MARY CRESSEY, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Ingleson) Cressey, and sister of his brothers' wives, born 11 April 1724 in Salem, Mass.; died 17 February 1786 in Hampton. He married, 2d, 14 December 1791 in Tolland, Conn., PATIENCE BARROWS of Tolland.

Abner Ashley settled in his native town. He was a prosperous farmer and influential man in the village of Hampton. He and his wife lie buried in the old Hampton cemetery, their graves being marked by a handsome brown stone, on which, under a carving of "the willow tree and urn," are the following inscriptions:

In Memory of
MR. ABNER ASHLEY
who died Feb. 17th
1801 in the 79th Year
of his age.

Also

MRS. MARY ASHLEY
his wife who died Feb^r
17th 1786 in the 60th
Year of her age.

Thrice happy death to drop the claim
Of life without the lingering pain.
To spring at once to endless life
Without a tedious dying strife.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

By first wife:

- 292. i. JONATHAN, b. 2 Mar. 1746-7.
- ii. MARY, b. 7 Aug. 1748; m. Samuel Humphrey of Tolland, Conn.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 18 May 1750; d. young, probably.
- iv. RUTH, b. 21 Jan. 1752; m. John Griggs of Hampton.
- 293. v. ABNER, b. 19 Jan. 1754.
- 294. vi. SAMUEL, b. 25 Jan. 1756.
- 295. vii. DANIEL, b. 28 Jan. 1758.

* By gravestone, 14, aged 78 years, by Weaver's "Ancient Windham."

- viii. HANNAH, b. 29 Dec. 1760; m. 28 Aug. 1776, Joseph Cressey of Gorham, Me.
 ix. LUCY, b. 13 Apr. 1762; m. David Spencer of Hampton.

291. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 1 June 1728 in Hampton, Conn.; died in September 1787* in Pomfret, Conn.; married, 1st, 5 November 1751 in Hampton, SARAH CRESSEY, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Ingleson) Cressey, and sister of his brothers' wives, baptized 30 March 1729 in Salem, Mass.; died 11 September 1762 in Hampton. He married, 2d, 25 April 1764 in Pomfret, ZERVIAH LYON, who died 5 May 1781 in Pomfret. He married, 3d, 10 April 1783 in Pomfret, Mrs. RACHEL (? SPENCER) ALLEN, widow of Peter Allen of Pomfret. She married, 2d, Joseph Ingalls of Pomfret, and died 8 March 1805 in Pomfret, aged 71 years.[†]

Joseph Ashley settled in his native town. He was a farmer, and inherited his father's homestead, where he lived until late in life, when he removed to Pomfret, Conn., where he resided at his death.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

By first wife:

- i. SARAH, b. 2 Nov. 1752; m. 20 Apr. 1775, Capt. Peter Ingalls of Pomfret, Conn.
 ii. ANNA, b. 13 July 1754; m. John Butts of Hampton.
 296. iii. JOSEPH, b. 21 July 1756.
 iv. LOVE, b. 3 Mar. 1758; m. Daniel Davison of Brooklyn, Conn.

By second wife:

297. v. THOMAS, b. 25 Oct. 1765.
 vi. CHLOE, b. 2 Oct. 1768; d. "past middle life" in Hampton, unmarried.‡
 vii. EBENEZER, b. 17 Feb. 1775; was in Abington, Conn., in 1793 §, and removed to Batavia, N. Y., where he d. unmarried.||
 viii. SUSANNAH, b. 31 Dec. 1776; m. Elisha Smith of Rodman, N. Y.

292. JONATHAN ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 2 March 1746-7 in Hampton, Conn.; d. 30

* Probably, as his eldest son was appointed executor 3 Oct. 1787.

† Her gravestone is next that of the eldest daughter, Sarah. The Pomfret records have been searched in vain for further particulars.

‡ Her death is not on record, nor has she a gravestone.

§ By Larned's "History of Windham," vol. 2, p. 286.

|| By Weaver's "Ancient Windham." Nothing about him could be found at Batavia, or in the surrogate's office.

November 1831 in Chaplin, Conn.; married 13 June 1773 in Hampton, LYDIA HUMPHREY, daughter of [? Samuel and Elizabeth] Humphrey, born [? 4 May 1752] in Barrington, R. I.; died 9 March 1838 in Chaplin, aged 86 years.*

Jonathan Ashley settled as a farmer in the northern part of Windham, Conn., near Parish Hill. He was one of the post-riders who carried *The Phoenix* (*Windham Herald*), the first number of which was published March 12, 1791. He and his wife passed the latter part of their lives at the home of their eldest son in Chaplin, Conn. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN BORN IN WINDHAM, CONN. :

- i. SALLY, b. 22 Feb. 1775; d. 24 Oct. 1778.
- ii. SALLY, b. 11 May 1779; d. 23 Aug. 1832 in Chaplin, Conn., unmarried.
- 298. iii. LUTHER, b. 14 June 1781.
- 299. iv. JAMES, b. 13 Aug. 1783.
- v. POLLY, b. 10 Jan. 1786; probably d. in infancy.†
- vi. ROXANA, b. 11 Apr. 1788; m. 1 Sept. 1808, Abel Ross of Chaplin, Conn., and Northampton, Mass.
- vii. LYDIA, b. 18 June 1790; m. 11 Jan. 1816, Erastus Martin of Chaplin.
- 300. viii. JONATHAN HUMPHREY, b. 15 Feb. 1795.

293. ABNER ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁸, *Robert*ⁱ), born 19 January 1754 in Hampton, Conn.; died about 1832 in Tolland, Conn.;* married 24 May 1781 in Canterbury, Conn., TRYPHENA ABBOT, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Andrews) Abbot, born 22 September 1760 in Canterbury; died?‡

Abner Ashley was a soldier of the Revolution. He enlisted in May, 1775, for a term of seven months, in the 9th Company, Capt. Ebenezer Moseley, Third Connecticut Regiment, Colonel Storrs, and served under General Putnam. This regiment marched by companies to the camps forming around Boston, and was stationed during the siege in Putnam's center division at Cambridge. It was mustered out at the expiration

* The family record is copied from the bible of Jonathan Ashley (292), now owned by his grandson, Mr. S. N. Ashley of Scotland, Conn.

† As she is not known to the children of her brothers.

‡ Date of death not on record. The grave was found, but there is no gravestone.

of its term of service, December 10, 1775. He reënlisted in October, 1776, for three months, as a substitute, in Captain Allen's company, Col. Nathaniel Martin's regiment, and probably was in service near New York. He reënlisted in March, 1778, for twelve months, in Capt. Thomas Allen's company, Colonel Crary's regiment. His application for a pension states that he took part in "Sullivan's expedition." A body of militia under General Tyler served under General Sullivan and engaged in the attempt to dislodge the British at Newport, and was present at the battle of Rhode Island on August 29, 1778. He reënlisted in August, 1780, for two months, in Captain Tinker's company, and also served in this company at New London for a few days at the time of the burning of that town by the British, September 6, 1781.*

Abner Ashley settled in Hampton after his marriage, and lived there until 1809[†], when he removed to Tolland, Conn., where he passed the remainder of his life. He was engaged chiefly in farming.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN. :

- i. ABNER, b. 2 May 1782 ; was a shoemaker and farmer, and d. 8 Oct. 1829 in Tolland, Conn., unmarried.
301. ii. ELIJAH, b. 29 July 1784.
302. iii. BENJAMIN, b. 2 July 1786.
- iv. ALVIN, b. 24 July 1788 ; d. 12 Dec. 1792.
- v. TRYPHENA, b. 20 July 1792 ; m. ——— Phillips of Fishkill, N. Y.
- vi. LORINDA, b. ——— 1794 ; m. Alfred Benton of Tolland.
- vii. MARIA, b. ——— 1799 ; m., 1st, 1824, Levi Benton of Tolland ; 2d, 1844, ‡ in Monson, Mass., Sanford Walbridge of Brooklyn, Conn.

294. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁶, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 25 January 1756 in Hampton, Conn. ; died 20 May 1835 in Hampton ; married 2 July 1789 in Tolland, Conn., LUCY NYE, daughter of John Nye, who died 22 September 1839 in Hampton, aged 80 years.

Samuel Ashley served in the Revolution as sergeant in Capt.

* The foregoing sketch is based on his service as stated in his pension application, dated Nov. 17, 1832. [Bureau of Pensions, O. W. & N. Div.]

† By his pension application.

‡ By her daughter.

Nathaniel Wales' company, Col. Bezaleel Beebe's regiment, in 1776, probably detached from the army at Fort Lee or White Plains to serve at New London in September and October of that year.* He also served as a private in Captain Cleveland's company, Colonel Durkee's regiment, according to his statement in his application for a pension. He made the application for a pension on July 27, 1832, at the age of seventy-six, and his pension was allowed for nine months' actual service in the Connecticut troops.†

Samuel Ashley settled in his native town and was engaged in farming there the rest of his life. His old homestead was burned a few years ago.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

- i. ABIGAIL, b. 1 Mar. 1790; m. 28 Nov. 1809, James Holt of Hampton.
303. ii. SAMUEL, b. 27 July 1791.
- iii. ASENATH, b. 2 Dec. 1794; m. Marvin Lyon of Providence, R. I.
- iv. LUCY, b. 3 Sept. 1796; m. 1 May 1822, Asa Spaulding Litchfield of Hampton.

295. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*), born 28 January 1758 in Hampton, Conn.; died 16 December 1848 in Hampton; married, 1st, about 1783 in ? Pomfret, Conn., ELIZABETH SMITH, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail (Sprague) Smith, born 1 April 1758 in Pomfret; died 27 December 1834 in Hampton.‡ He married, 2d, 11 January 1836 in Hampton, Mrs. SARAH HUNTINGTON, who died 26 January 1850 in New York City, aged 73 years.

Daniel Ashley served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. Nathaniel Wales' company, Col. Bezaleel Beebe's regiment, from August 24 to October 15, 1777, taking part in the Saratoga campaign.§

"Two large regiments of militia composed of detachments from all brigades were ordered to reinforce General Gates at Saratoga in the sum-

* "Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution," p. 617.

† Bureau of Pensions, O. W. & N. Div., W. 17,219.

‡ Her gravestone says:

Why should I fear this parting pain,
I die that I may live again.

§ "Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution," p. 508.

mer of 1777. They were assigned to General Poor's Connecticut Brigade in Arnold's Division and fought in both the battles with the enemy, September 19 and October 9, 1777, in the former losing more men than any two regiments in the field. Upon their dismissal, after the surrender of Burgoyne, General Gates spoke of them as the 'two excellent militia regiments from Connecticut.' **

Daniel Ashley made an application for pension on July 27, 1832, at which time he was seventy-four years of age, and his pension was allowed for seventeen months' actual service as a private in the Connecticut troops, a part of which time he served under Capt. Nathaniel Waldo and Colonel Lattimer.†

Daniel Ashley lived in that part of Hampton known as Canada Parish and was a farmer. His house stood on Parish Hill, between Goshen and Clark's Corners, and about a mile and a half from Chaplin station. It was destroyed by fire a few years ago. He is remembered by a granddaughter,‡ "as a tall, broad-shouldered man, into whose composition the element of fear did not enter. He was a man of great force of character, and by sheer will performed tasks of labor in his old age that many a younger man would shrink from. When eighty-eight years old, while returning home after delivering a load of wood in Plainfield, his horses shied and cramped the wheels of his wagon, throwing him out and breaking his hip. Being carried to the house of a friend nearby, the latter wished to send for Dr. Sweet to set the fracture. 'Send for him, if you wish,' said Mr. Ashley, 'but tell him to meet me at my house.' He then was helped into his wagon, and drove the twelve miles home alone. He recovered from the shock, and, with the exception of a slight lameness, his life continued a strong and active one to the end."

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

By first wife:

- 304. i. BENJAMIN, b. 11 Feb. 1784.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 25 Aug. 1785; m., 1st, Leonard Ormsby of Hampton; 2d, 1834, Zenas Loomis of Coventry, Conn.

* "Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution," p. 504.

† Bureau of Pensions, O. W. & N. Division, I, 14,928.

‡ Mrs. Lucy A. Guild of Hampton, to whom the author is indebted for much information about her branch of the family.

305. iii. RANSFORD, b. 4 Oct. 1787.
 306. iv. WILLIAM,* b. 25 Aug. 1789.
 v. MARY,† b. 18 May 1792; d. 5 Dec. 1870 in Hampton, unmarried.
 vi. DANIEL, b. 25 Feb. 1794; d. 10 Apr. 1814 in Hampton.‡
 vii. SARAH, b. 18 Apr. 1799; m. 25 Jan. 1821, Benjamin Safford of Canterbury and Hampton.

296. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 21^s July 1756 in Hampton, Conn.; died 26 September 1846 in Hampton; married 10^h June 1785 in Abington, Conn., ELIZABETH RICKARD, daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Rayment) Rickard, born 25 December** 1761 in Pomfret, Conn.; died 12 April 1823 in Hampton.

Joseph Ashley was a soldier of the Revolution. He served as a private and was in the battle of Trenton.†† He made an application for a pension on July 27, 1832, at which time he was seventy-six years of age, and his pension was allowed for two years' actual service as a private in the Connecticut troops, a part of which time he served under Capt. James Stedman and Colonel Ward.‡‡ He also served in the War of 1812.§§

Joseph Ashley lived in Hampton on the old Ashley homestead, which at his death was divided between his sons Erastus and Walter.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

307. i. ERASTUS, b. 19 Feb. 1786.
 308. ii. JOSEPH, b. 28 Aug. 1787.
 iii. SOPHIA, b. 15 Dec. 1789; d. 6 July 1870 in Westford, Conn., unmarried.
 iv. WALTER, b. 7 Nov. 1791; d. 14 Mar. 1795.
 v. LAURA, b. 17 May 1794; m. 1823, George Lincoln of Westford.
 309. vi. WALTER, b. 17 May 1796.

* Known as *Billey* in his youth.

† Known as *Polly* in her youth.

‡ His gravestone says:

'Tis well, yet by this awful stroke how crost
 Our hope, our expectations lost.

§ By Wind. T. Rec., 20 by one fam. rec.

|| By Abington T. Rec., 30 by Hampt. T. Rec.

** By Pomfret T. Rec., *September* by one fam. rec.

†† Letter from his grandson Mr. Dwight Lincoln of Westford, Conn.

‡‡ Bureau of Pensions, O. W. & N. Div., I, 14,926.

§§ Letter from his grandson Mr. Charles R. Ashley of Willimantic, Conn.

- vii. BETSEY, b. 16 Oct. 1799 ; d. 6 Feb. 1849 in Hampton, unmarried.
 310. viii. ORRIN, b. 31 Jan. 1802.
 ix. CAROLINE, b. 13 Apr. 1805 ; m. John Milton Walker of Westford.

297. THOMAS ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*¹), born 25 October 1765 in Hampton, Conn.; died 8 October 1822 in Mount Clemens, Mich.; married, 1st, SARAH ALLEN.* He married, 2d, about 1810 in Batavia, N. Y., Mrs. LUCY (HUTCHINS) CADY, widow of Joseph Cady of Batavia, born in Killingly, Conn.; died ————— 1838 on the Cady homestead in Sterling, Mich.

Thomas Ashley was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1791. He lived some years in Killingly, Conn., then removed to the West. He read law in Marietta, Ohio, and began the practice of his profession in Batavia, N. Y. In the spring of 1820 he decided to emigrate to Michigan. He made the journey by way of Detroit and Pontiac, arriving in Mount Clemens, which he had chosen as his future residence, in May, 1820. His step-son Chauncey G. Cady accompanied him, and they were among the first settlers there. The following October his wife and her son Henry Cady arrived, and the family took up their residence in a log house which stood immediately in the year of the new Weeks block. His son Alfred and step-son Horace Cady arrived in May, 1821.

Thomas Ashley was the first lawyer admitted to the bar in the Northwest Territory, the date of his admission being July 11, 1820. Independence Day was celebrated for the first time in Macomb County on July 4, 1821, and Thomas Ashley was president of the day. That year he built the first entire frame structure erected in the village. It stood on the corner east of the bank. He there had his law office and conducted a hotel. He bought about twenty acres of land in the northwest part of the village and began improvements there.

Acting in the threefold capacity of lawyer, landlord and farmer, Mr. Ashley found plenty to occupy his time, and during his brief life in Mount Clemens gave the villagers an example of untiring industry. He was popular with the young peo-

* By Weaver's "Ancient Windham," Spence by Chapman's "Sketches of Dartmouth Graduates."

ple of the village and took part in all their merry-makings. He was also a leading spirit at meetings of the business community. He was elected the first town clerk of Clinton township shortly before his death, but resigned, and was succeeded in that office by his son. He left a large property.

CHILD* BORN IN ———, N. H.†:

By first wife:

311. i. ALFRED, b. 13 June 1794.

298. LUTHER ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 14 June 1781 in Windham, Conn.; died 3 August 1860 in Scotland, Conn.; married, 1st, 21st September 1809 in Barrington, R. I., ELIZA HUMPHREY, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bullock) Humphrey, born 12 March 1785 in Barrington; died 20 December 1828 in Chaplin. He married, 2d, 6 May 1829 in Hampton, SARAH SMITH, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Hodgkins) Smith, born 2 January 1790 in Hampton; died 10 February 1849 in Chaplin. He married, 3d, 6 December 1849 in New York City, his cousin Mrs. LUCY (SPENCER) WASHBURN, widow of Andrew Washburn of Chaplin, and daughter of David and Luey (Ashley (290, ix.)) Spencer, born 8 October 1786 in Hampton, Conn.; died 29 August 1870 in West Randolph, Vt.

Luther Ashley enlisted in the War of 1812. He served as corporal of Capt. Charles Palmer's company from June 13 to July 14, 1813,[§] but did not like camp life at New London and returned home, his brother Jonathan taking his place in the army. He passed most of his life in Chaplin, Conn., but late in life removed to Scotland, Conn., where he died at the home of his son Gilbert. He was a farmer. He was a selectman of Chaplin in 1822, and was one of the representatives from that town in the General Assembly in 1845.

CHILDREN BORN IN CHAPLIN, CONN.:||

By first wife:

i. ELIZA ANNE, b. 27 Feb. 1811; d. 31 Mar. 1837 in Chaplin, unmarried.

* An only one.

† By "History of Macomb County, Mich."

‡ By Barrington Cong. Ch. Rec., 20 by Wind. T. Rec.

§ "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of 1812," p. 6, where the name is given wrongly *Ashby*. Letters from his living children.

|| The first five recorded in Windham.

- ii. ROXANA, b. 2 Oct. 1812 ; m. 17 Apr. 1833, Joseph Chapman Martin of Chaplin and resides in Florence, Mass.
- iii. LYDIA DIANA, b. 18 Aug. 1814 ; m. 11 May 1836, Enoch Pond, Jr., of Brooklyn, Conn.
- iv. JOHN HUMPHREY, b. 28 Jan. 1817 ; was a farmer, and d. 16 Sept. 1840 in Chaplin, unmarried.
- 312. v. GEORGE, b. 20 Mar. 1819.
- 313. vi. GILBERT EVERETT, b. 11 Sept. 1821.
- vii. SARAH ANN, b. 16 Feb. 1824 ; m. 13 Oct. 1850, Nathaniel F. Martin of Barrington, R. I.
- 314. viii. SAMUEL NEWELL, b. 18 Mar. 1827.

299. JAMES ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*), born 13 August 1783 in Windham, Conn. ; died 13 September 1817 in Windham ; married 18 January 1816 in Hampton, Conn., ACHSAH BURNHAM, daughter of Josiah and Sally (Hovey) Burnham, born 19 October 1795 in Hampton. She married, 2d, 9 March 1820 in Hampton, Harvey Smith of Hampton, and died there 12 February 1832.

James Ashley resided in Windham, Conn. He was a farmer, and met his death by having a tree that he was cutting down fall on him.

CHILDREN BORN IN WINDHAM, CONN.:

- 315. i. HENRY, b. 9 Nov. 1816.
- 316. ii. JAMES, b. 23 Mar. 1818.

300. JONATHAN HUMPHREY ASHLEY (*Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*), born 15 February 1795 in Windham, Conn. ; died 24 June 1836 in Chaplin, Conn. ; married 14 December 1817 in Hampton, Conn., MARGARET DURKEE, daughter of William and Margaret (Loomis) Durkee, born 4 March 1797 in Hampton ; died 12 April 1875 in Willimantic, Conn.

Jonathan Humphrey Ashley settled in Chaplin, Conn. He owned a small farm, but gave little attention to its cultivation, his chief business being the manufacture of boots and shoes. He had an extensive business for those days, and employed a large number of workmen as journeymen and apprentices. Once in two weeks he drove to Hartford, thirty-two miles, with a two-horse wagon load of his goods. He made his trips

summer and winter alike, starting at four o'clock in the morning, going over "Bolton Notch," and returning the following morning. In February of the winter before his death he invested in a large tract of land near Oswego, N. Y., and went there to inspect it. While there, he contracted fever and ague, and an illness followed which his overworked constitution could not withstand, and was the cause of his death.

Mr. Ashley was a very ambitious man and possessed good business ability. He was one of the prominent members of the Congregational church and one of its principal supporters. In his youth he served a short time at New London, Conn., during the War of 1812, taking his brother Luther's place in the army.

CHILDREN BORN IN CHAPLIN, CONN.:

- i. EARL, b. 6 July 1819; d. 30 Sept. 1822.
- ii. LUDENTIA, b. 24 May 1822; d. 23 Apr. 1834.
- iii. EARL, b. 1 Apr. 1824; enlisted in the Union Army August 6, and was mustered August 18, 1862, as a private in Company H, Eighteenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Winchester, 15 June 1863. At the time of his enlistment he said, "I never will be shot in the back." In his first engagement a minie ball struck him in his forehead. He was unmarried.
- iv. EMILY, b. 13 May 1826; m. 21 May 1851, Edwin A. Barrows of Mansfield, Conn.
- v. MARGARET LUDENTIA, b. 29 Sept. 1835; resides in Willimantic, Conn., unmarried.

301. ELIJAH ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁸, *Robert*[†]), born 29 July 1784 in Hampton, Conn.; died 8 March 1836 in New York City;* married twice, but the names of his wives were not found.[†]

Elijah Ashley removed to New York City, where his name first appears in the directory for 1818, his occupation being given "teacher." In 1820, "baker"; 1821-8, "teacher"; and 1829-34, "baker." In 1835 no occupation is stated, and his name does not appear in later directories.

* "The newspaper from which this date was copied (it is not on record) gives the name *Abijah*, evidently a mistake of the printer, as the age is given 51 years." [Letter from Mr. William Kelby, Librarian of the New York Historical Society.]

† Either by the compiler or Mr. E. N. Shephard, the genealogist, of New York City, who examined the various public records there.

CHILDREN :

By first wife :

- i. ALVIN, d. a young man, it is said, unmarried.
- ii. CORDELIA, m., 1st, ——— White of Philadelphia, Pa.; 2d, ——— Switzer, who d. on his way home from California; 3d, ——— Gernest of New York City. She had no children, it is said.

302. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*^t), born 2 July 1786 in Hampton, Conn.; died 12 January 1862 in Tolland, Conn.; married, 1st, 23 April 1812 in Tolland, LOVISA* CONVERSE, daughter of Darius and Hannah (Hungerford) Converse, born 29 November 1788 in Tolland; died 25⁺ September 1848 in Tolland. He married, 2d, 9 December 1849 in Rockville, Conn., MRS. SABRA (STRICKLAND) BOWE of Rockville, widow of Asa Bowe of East Windsor Hill, Conn., who died 3 January 1863 in Tolland, aged 65 years.

Benjamin Ashley lived with his father in Tolland, Conn., when he was a young man. He was a baker by trade, and was celebrated for his crackers and gingerbread, which were in great demand at military trainings early in the century. After his marriage he settled in Vernon, Conn., where he kept a tavern at Dobson's Factory, going from there to Ellington, where he also kept a tavern. In 1818 he returned to Tolland, and engaged in the bakery business again in Tolland Street, continuing in it until 1826, when he went back to the farm to care for his parents, and there passed the rest of his life, engaged in farming.

CHILDREN :

By first wife :

- i. AMELIA (adopted†), b. 22 Apr. 1813 in Vernon, Conn.; m. Carlos Prouty of Stafford Springs, Conn.
- 317. ii. ELIJAH, b. 13 Oct. 1815 in Vernon.
- 318. iii. CHARLES CONVERSE, b. 10 Sept. 1817 in Vernon.
- iv. CAROLINE LOUISE, b. 27 Jan. 1827 in Tolland, Conn.; m. 8 June 1857, Asa Sargent of Tolland.
- 319. v. HENRY ABBOT, b. 19 May 1830 in Tolland.

* By fam. rec., *Lovina* by Tolland T. Rec.

† By gravestone, 26 by fam. rec.

‡ To take the place of their child born dead that day, her own mother dying at her birth.

303. SAMUEL ASHLEY (*Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*¹), born 27 July 1791 in Hampton, Conn.; died 30 August 1855 in Providence, R. I.; married ——— 1818*, LYDIA FRANKLIN OLNEY, daughter of James Marony and Abby (Newell) Olney, born 12 September 1802 in Olneyville (Johnston), R. I.; died 1 June 1884 in Providence.

Samuel Ashley was graduated at Brown College in 1817. He studied law, and began the practice of his profession in Ashford, Conn., where he lived until 1828. He then removed to Providence, R. I., where he continued in practice until his death.

"I now turn to one whose path through life was not in the region of 'fat contentions and flowing fees.' Those who knew Samuel Ashley well, remember him with kindness and respect. He gained none of the prizes for which men contend—weath nor power nor fame. He had a long struggle with ill health, and a profession which furnished no play for his best powers, but he fought a good fight, and I think enjoyed his rest when at last the weary wheels of life stood still.

Mr. Ashley had many clients, but their cases, as a rule, would hardly justify large fees. He had little taste for the technicalities of his profession, but with that kind of law, 'whose seat is the bosom of God, and whose voice is the harmony of the world,' he was quite familiar. In the higher regions of thought he was at home. He was a great admirer of the Hungarian Kossuth, and spent time in study of his speeches which might, in one sense, have been more profitably employed in the preparation of his cases for the Court of Magistrates and the Court of Common Pleas. He was also a careful student of the writings of Swedenborg.

During a professional life of more than forty years, I have known many lawyers who have risen to considerable eminence, who had not a tithe of the intellectual ability of Mr. Ashley, and who in moral character fell far below his standard. Tried by the severest tests, his life was a grand success. His hands were clean, his purposes were pure, his courage never failed; he had the respect of all who knew him, and above all he had his own self-respect."[†]

CHILDREN : ‡

320. i. SAMUEL STANFORD, b. 12 May 1819.

ii. CAROLINE, b. 14 July 1824; d. 16 Nov. 1884 in Providence, R. I., unmarried.

* None of their children sent the day and month.

† Abraham Payne's "Reminiscences of the Rhode Island Bar."

‡ The first born in Cumberland, R. I., the next two in Ashford, Conn., the fifth in Burrillville, R. I., the others in Providence, R. I.



SAMUEL ASHLEY.

- 321. iii. JAMES NYE, b. 25 Mar. 1827.
- 322. iv. ALBERT OLNEY, b. 21 Aug. 1829.
- 323. v. LUCIUS COLBY, b. 24 Mar. 1832.
- 324. vi. EDWARD CLARENDON, b. 15 May 1834.
- vii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. 29 Aug. 1837; is an editor and resides in Tuckahoe, N. Y.*
- viii. LYDIA FRANKLIN OLNEY, b. 23 Feb. 1839; m. 16 Nov. 1865, Alpheus W. Randall and resides in Eureka, Cal.
- ix. WENDELL PHILLIPS, b. 10 July 1841; d. 8 Apr. 1857.
- x. ABBY LUCY, b. 8 Aug. 1843; m. 28 Dec. 1874, Robert A. Reid of Northboro', Mass., and Providence.
- 325. xi. GEORGE BANCROFT, b. 24 Feb. 1846.

304. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Daniel*²⁹⁵, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 11 February 1784 in Hampton, Conn.; died in ? Utica, N. Y., married BETSEY ROBBINS, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Robbins, born 25 September 1783 in Hampton; died ?

Benjamin Ashley removed from Hampton, it is said, to Utica, N. Y., where he died.[†]

CHILDREN :

- i. WILLIAM H.
- ? ii. HARRIET, m. William Lincoln of Windham, Conn.

305. RANSFORD ASHLEY (*Daniel*²⁹⁵, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 4 October 1787 in Hampton, Conn.; died 20 July 1874 in Hampton; married 18 October 1811 in Hampton, ESTHER PHELPS, daughter of ——— and Huldah (Lillie) Phelps, born 8 September 1792 in Chaplin; died 5 October 1872 in Hampton.

Ransford Ashley settled in his native town, and lived there all his life, except one year in Abington and one in Danielson, Conn. He was a shoemaker by trade, and was an expert workman. The last years of his life he was occupied with farming. He built the house in Hampton in which his youngest son now lives.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

† Nothing relating to him was found in the surrogate's office, nor have any of the Utica Ashleys proved to be his descendants.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT V) BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN. :*

- i. ESTHER, b. ——— 1813 ; d. 12 Dec. 1813.†
- ii. HULDAH, b. ——— 1815 ; d. 11 July 1815.†
- iii. EMILY M., b. 22 Sept. 1817 ; m. May 1836, Samuel Griggs of Hampton.
- iv. SARAH ANN, b. 18 Apr. 1823 ; d. 13 Mar. 1829.†
- 326. v. ELISHA LILLIE, b. 8 Aug. 1824 in Abington, Conn.‡
- vi. LUCRETIA, b. 18 Aug. 1826 ; d. 8 July 1858 in Hampton, unmarried.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. 21 Dec. 1829 ; d. 6 June 1830.†
- 327. viii. WILLIAM SMITH, b. 1 Oct. 1833.§

306. WILLIAM ASHLEY (*Daniel*²⁹⁶, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁹⁵, *Robert*¹), born 25 August 1789 in Hampton, Conn. ; died 6 December 1867 in Newark, N. J. ; married, 1st, in Gorham, Me., his cousin MARY CRESSEY, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Ashley (290, viii.)) Cressey, who died soon after her marriage. He married, 2d, Mrs. ——— BISHOP, widow of a sea-captain of Gorham, who died in Newark. He married, 3d, ——— of Newark.

William Ashley spent his early years on his father's farm in Hampton, Conn. At the age of twenty-one he left home and settled in Gorham, Me., where he lived some years, teaching school in the winter and farming in the summer months. After his second marriage he removed, about 1835, to Clinton, N. Y., and a few years later to Newark, N. J., where he lived the rest of his life.||

CHILD BORN IN CLINTON, N. Y.:

By second wife :

- i. WILLIAM, b. about 1835 ; m. Sarah L——, and d. Dec. 1879 in Newark, N. J., aged 44. Children : *William* and *Adelaide*.

307. ERASTUS ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹⁶, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 19 February 1786 in Hampton, Conn. ;

*Record furnished by Mr. William S. Ashley of Hampton—the youngest child. It will be noticed that it differs from that printed in Weaver's "Ancient Windham."

†Their common gravestone says :

"Sleep on sweet babes and take thy rest,
God called thee home, He saw it best."

‡ By his brother, although recorded in Hampton.

§ By himself, although recorded 13 Oct. 1831.

|| Letter from the widow of his son, who failed to supply her own family record, although repeatedly asked to do so.

died 29 July 1866 in Hampton; married, 1st, 26 November 1812 in Windham, Conn., FANNY SMITH, daughter of Matthews and Anna (Strickland) Smith, born 7 August 1790 in Windham; died 14 April 1821 in Hampton. He married, 2d, MARCIA SMITH, a sister of his first wife, born in May 1799 in Windham; died 26 November 1888 in Hampton.

Erastus Ashley served in the War of 1812 as corporal in Capt. Amos Chaffee's company at Groton, Conn., from September 1 to October 5, 1814.* He settled in his native town and lived there all his life. He was a farmer. He and his brother Walter divided their father's farm.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN.:

By first wife:

- i. ARDELIA, b. 3 Nov. 1813; m. George Davison of Brooklyn, Conn.
- ii. LODENTIA, b. 25 Feb. 1815; m. Jeremiah Church of Woodstock, Conn.

By second wife:

- iii. FANNY, b. about 1824; m. John Church of Woodstock.

308. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹⁶, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*[†]), born 28 August 1787 in Hampton, Conn.; died 5 September 1866 in Providence, R. I.; married, 1st, 17 November 1814 in Pawtucket, R. I., MARY JENCKES, daughter of Jonathan and ? Chloe (Whipple) Jenckes, born ——— 1792 in Pawtucket; died 20 July 1837 in Providence. He married, 2d, 24 October 1843 in Newport, R. I., LYDIA WATERMAN MASON, daughter of Samuel Potter and Narcissa (Burton) Mason, born 6 November 1818 in Watertown, N. Y.; died 19 April 1885 in Providence.

Joseph Ashley first settled in Pawtucket, R. I., but soon removed to Providence, R. I., where he was engaged in mercantile business and resided until his death.

CHILDREN BORN IN PROVIDENCE, R. I.:

By first wife:

- i. MARY JANE, b. 3 Feb. 1817; m. 10 Mar. † 1842, James Augustus Baldwin of North Providence, R. I., and resides in Springfield, Mass.

* "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of 1812," p. 6.

† By herself, correcting "Vital Records of Rhode Island," which gives the date 24 Feb. and her middle name *Jenckes*.

- ii. JOSEPH JENCKES, b. — 1824 ; m. Sept. 1862 in Providence, Cordelia E., dau. of Simeon ? Glenney, b. 1831 in Boston, Mass. They removed to Springfield, Mass., where she d. 13 Apr. 1895, and he d. 26 Nov. 1895. No children.*

By second wife :

- iii. GEORGE MASON, b. 21 Oct. 1845 ; is a manufacturer of and dealer in gas stoves in Providence. He is unmarried.
 iv. EMILY RHODA, b. 30 Nov. 1848 ; d. 12 Aug. 1877 in Providence, unmarried.
 v. MARIA ELIZABETH, b. 29 Sept. 1851 ; d. 26 Mar. 1856.

309. WALTER ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹⁶, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 17 May 1796 in Hampton, Conn. ; died 19 September 1877 in Willimantic, Conn. ; married 15 February 1829 in South Windham, Conn., MARTHA PERRY, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Peckham) Perry, born 28 April 1806 in South Kingston, R. I. ;[‡] died 25 February 1895 in Willimantic.

Walter Ashley and his brother Erastus divided their father's farm in Hampton. It was the old Ashley homestead, purchased by their great-grandfather. Walter settled on his half of the homestead and engaged in farming. He also owned a store and a gristmill and sawmill in what is called Howard Valley, and was postmaster there for a few years. He continued to reside in the old homestead until 1861, when he removed to Willimantic, and there passed the remainder of his life. The homestead in Hampton was sold in 1863 to Mr. Dwight Burdick. The house is still standing, and is supposed to be over one hundred and fifty years old.[‡]

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN. :

- i. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 19 Dec. 1829 ; m. 15 Oct. 1861, Milton Shew of Willimantic, Conn.
 328. ii. CHARLES RICKARD, b. 21 Aug. 1835.

310. ORRIN ASHLEY (*Joseph*²⁹⁶, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 31 January 1802 in Hampton, Conn. ; died 18 March 1888 in Hampton ; married 29 April 1851 in

* He failed to send a complete family record or any account of himself.

† Or, perhaps, South Windham, Conn.

‡ The compiler was unable to get a photograph of it.

Killingly, Conn., LAURA BADGER of Killingly,* who died 17 February 1876 in Hampton, aged 70 years.

Orrin Ashley was a farmer in his native town.

NO CHILDREN.

311. ALFRED ASHLEY (*Thomas*²⁹⁷, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 13 June 1794 in ———, N. H.;[†] died 7 September 1857 in New Baltimore, Mich.; married 24 January 1824 in Mount Clemens, Mich., EUPHEMIA ATWOOD, daughter of Peter and Abigail Atwood, who died 18 May 1885, aged 80 years, at the home of her brother in Mount Clemens.

Alfred Ashley began the study of law in his father's office in Marietta, Ohio, but ill health compelled him to abandon the idea of following the law as a profession. Coming with his father to Batavia, N. Y., he was elected constable several years in succession, and was occupied chiefly with his official duties.

In May, 1821, he followed his father to Mount Clemens, Mich., arriving there on the 24th. He at once began clearing on the North Branch, two miles north of Mount Clemens, where, in company with his step-brother Horace Cady who had accompanied him from New York, he built a dam and erected a sawmill, which Cady ran during the following winter. The place was then known as Ashley's Mills. In the summer of 1822 they built an addition large enough to receive one run of stone for a gristmill, and in 1827 flouring machinery was added. About this time the mills were sold to a Mr. Haskins.

Mr. Ashley had moved into the village after his marriage, and kept a store there for several years. In 1828 he erected the Phelps House and opened it as a hotel. It was considered the best hotel north of Detroit. He bought a tract of land in Chesterfield township, and removed there in 1845 and founded the village of Ashley, now New Baltimore, Mich. He built the first sawmill and dock there, and constructed the first steamboat. He continued to reside there until his death.

* By Weaver's "Ancient Windham," but the compiler could not find her name in Killingly records. Can she have been Laura Davis Badger, dau. of James and Rebecca (Karley) Badger, b. 11 July 1816 in Mansfield, Conn.?

† By "History of Macomb County, Mich."

Mr. Ashley was a very active and energetic man, and accumulated quite a large property. In 1827 he was elected to succeed his father as Clerk of Clinton township, an office which he held some years. He was a member of the 5th Legislative Council of Michigan Territory from the 2d District (Macomb and St. Clair counties) in 1832 and 1833.

CHILDREN BORN IN MOUNT CLEMENS, MICH. :

- 329. i. ALFRED, b. 7 Oct. 1825.
- ii. MARIA ANTOINETTE, b. 11 Feb. 1828 ; m. 28 Aug. 1846, George B. Van Eps of Mount Clemens.

312. GEORGE ASHLEY (*Luther*²⁹⁸, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 20 March 1819 in Chaplin, Conn. ; died 8 August 1879 in Chaplin ; married 2 June 1844 in Northampton, Mass., ELIZA FORWARD, daughter of George and Lucy Maken (Merrick) Forward, born 1 July 1821 in Belchertown, Mass. ; died 26 July 1855 in Chaplin.

George Ashley was a shoemaker by trade. He lived nearly all his life in his native town, but for a time was a resident of New York City, Scotland and South Windham, Conn. He was greatly interested in church music, and led the choir in Chaplin about thirty years, and up to his last sickness. Mr. Ashley was one of the representatives from Chaplin to the General Assembly in 1850.

CHILDREN :

- i. LYDIA LORANE, b. 12 Mar. 1845 in Northampton, Mass. ; m. 30 Aug. 1869, Cassius Samuel Campbell and resides in Derry, N. H.
- ii. EVANGELINE, b. 20 July 1852 in Chaplin, Conn. ; d. 27 Sept. 1852.

313. GILBERT EVERETT ASHLEY (*Luther*²⁹⁸, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 11 September 1821 in Chaplin, Conn. ; died 18 March 1862 in Scotland, Conn. ; married 29* April 1845 in Windham, Conn., FRANCES ELIZABETH DROWN, daughter of Alfred and Frances (Humphrey) Drown, born 7 May 1824 in Seekonk, Mass. ; resides in Williamantie, Conn.

* By Mrs. Ashley, correcting 23 by Wind. T. Rec.

Gilbert Everett Ashley was a farmer. He removed from Chaplin to Scotland, Conn., in the spring of 1855, and lived there the rest of his life.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT IV) BORN IN CHAPLIN, CONN. :

- 330. i. EDWARD EUGENE, b. 24 Nov. 1847.
- 331. ii. JOHN HUMPHREY, b. 29 Sept. 1850.
- iii. EVELYN MARIA, b. 21 Nov. 1853; has been a dressmaker in Willimantic, Conn., since 1883. She is unmarried.
- 332. iv. GEORGE DROWN, b. 22 Dec. 1858 in Scotland, Conn.

314. SAMUEL NEWELL ASHLEY (*Luther*²⁹⁸, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*¹), born 18 March 1827 in Chaplin, Conn.; resides in Scotland, Conn.; married 8 March 1860 in Scotland, MARY JANE BASS, daughter of John and Maria (Tracy *née* Safford) Bass, b. 19 August 1839 in Windham, Conn.

Samuel Newell Ashley settled in Scotland, Conn., where he at present resides. He learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it before the war, but since leaving the army he has been engaged in farming. He enlisted for nine months on September 9, 1862, and was mustered November 10th, as a private in Company G, Twenty-sixth Regiment Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged August 17, 1863, at the expiration of his term of service.

Mr. Ashley belongs to Shetucket Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in Scotland, and was one of the charter members of Thomas G. Brown Post, G. A. R., of Chaplin, with which he is still identified.

CHILDREN BORN IN SCOTLAND, CONN.:

- i. LUTHER BASS, b. 22 Oct. 1865; is engaged in farming with his father in Scotland, and is a member of Shetucket Grange. He is unmarried.
- ii. ELIZA MARIA, b. 7 Jan. 1868; m. 8 Mar. 1887, Frank W. Bacon and resides in Scotland.

315. HENRY ASHLEY (*James*²⁹⁰, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*¹), born 9 November 1816 in Windham, Conn.; resides in Hartford, Conn.; married, 1st, 16 September 1839 in Ashford, Conn., ELIZABETH CLARK, daughter of Oliver Clark, born 6 February 1816 in Ashford; died in

December 1840 in East Hartford, Conn. He married, 2d, 27 March 1843 in Colchester, Conn., MARY ISHAM BIGELOW, daughter of Abner and Mary (Foote) Bigelow, born 3 January 1817 in Marlborough, Conn.; died 26 December 1888 in Scotland, Conn.

Henry Ashley was placed by his mother, his father having died when he was a year old, in the hands of his father's sister, Mrs. Ross of Chaplin, Conn., with whom he remained until he was sixteen years old. He then apprenticed himself to his uncle Jonathan Humphrey Ashley of Chaplin, to learn the trade of a boot and shoe maker. He was with his uncle five years, and, on attaining his majority, he bought a small place and started in business for himself as a manufacturer of boots in Chaplin. An unfortunate speculation in mulberry trees at the time of the "silk worm excitement" swept away all his savings in a day, and in the spring of 1840 he removed to East Hartford, Conn., where his wife died the following December. He then went to the home of his step-father, Mr. Harvey Smith, in Hampton, Conn., where he lived a few months, going from there to Norwich, Conn., where he remained a year.

He then went to Colchester, Conn., where he married again and lived a year or two. Removing from there to New York City in 1845, he became foreman of the New York Union India Rubber Company, and held that position ten years. During that time he received offers of responsible positions with two rubber companies, one of which was to go to Paris, which owing to his wife's health he had to decline, and about the other, which was at Trenton, N. J., the company and he failed to come to an agreement.

Retiring from the rubber business, Mr. Ashley opened a shoe store in New York, but two years later the health of his wife became so poor that he decided to give up city life and return to Windham County. He built a house in Scotland, and lived there thirty-six years. In 1867 he was elected to the General Assembly as a representative from Scotland, and served on the Committee on Constitutional Amendments. In May, 1894, he sold his place in Scotland and removed to Hartford, Conn., where he has since resided. He has had no children of his own, but

ADOPTED CHILDREN:

- i. MARY JENNIE,* b. 2 Jan. 1858 ; d. in the fall of 1881, unmarried.
- ii. NELLIE ELIZABETH,† b. 7 Sept. 1874 ; m. 18 Sept. 1895, Robert J. Warner and resides in Hartford, Conn.

316. JAMES ASHLEY (*James*²⁹⁹, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 23 March 1818 in Windham, Conn.; died 27 September 1855 in Scotland, Conn.; married 4 March 1844 in Hampton, Conn., LORA ANN BURNHAM, daughter of Festus and Lora (Clark) Burnham, born 24 April 1824 in Hampton; resides in Hartford, Conn.

James Ashley settled in Scotland, Conn., the first of April following his marriage. He was a farmer, but was not a strong man, and hired men to do the farm work. During the last years of his life he bought and sold farm produce, as he could do so by driving. He was a member of the Congregational church in Scotland, and its pastor in his address at Mr. Ashley's funeral said, "He died, not leaving an enemy, and was one who always wanted to do by others as he would like them to do by him."

NO CHILDREN.

317. Dr. ELIJAH ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 13 October 1815 in Vernon, Conn.; died 10 May 1891 in Windsor Locks, Conn.; married 16 November 1842 in Somers, Conn., ELIZA ANN JONES MANDELL, daughter of Sidney and Eliza (Jones) Mandell, born 13 August 1823 in Boston, Mass.; resides with her youngest son in Windsor Locks.

Elijah Ashley remained on his father's farm in Tolland, Conn., until he was twenty-two years of age. He then taught school two years, after which he went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he pursued a two year course at a medical college and studied medicine with a physician in that city. He then settled in practice in Springfield, Mass., taking Dr. Kibbee as a partner, and met with excellent success in his profession. The life of a physician, however, proved too exacting

* Family name unknown.

† Family name *Inwood*.

for his health, and he was obliged to abandon it, which was a great disappointment to him. After a few months rest, in September, 1843, he bought of Apollos Munn the *Independent Democrat*, a weekly newspaper published on Springfield Hill. Dr. Ashley moved the establishment down to Elm Street, and continued to edit the paper until November, 1844, when it was merged with the *Hampden Post*, which at that time was owned by Alanson Hawley.

Dr. Ashley then engaged in mercantile business, in which he continued to a greater or less extent during the remainder of his life. He removed from Springfield to Tolland, Conn., where he kept store for Judge Waldo, and also engaged in farming for the sake of his health. After regaining his health, he went to Hartford, Conn., where he entered the wholesale commission house of J. S. Curtis, who carried on the business of dealing in all kinds of "Yankee notions," silver and plated ware, etc. Mr. Ashley was there four years, then going with him to New York City, and after the business was sold to Charles and Augustus Storrs remained with them four years. His health then failed again, and in 1860 he went to Ellington, Conn., where he purchased a farm and engaged in its cultivation. He also bought out a store there, and did an extensive business for a number of years. In 1872, his sons being settled in Windsor Locks, Conn., he sold his interests in Ellington and removed to that place, and there spent the rest of his life, engaged in farming.

Dr. Ashley was a Democrat in politics, but always voted for those candidates for local office whom he considered best qualified to serve. He did not seek office, but accepted a few town offices that were really forced upon him in Tolland, Ellington and Windsor Locks, and was a member of the General Assembly from Tolland in 1858. He always took great interest in the schools, and was on the school committee in Tolland and Ellington. He was also a notary public, and took the census of several towns in 1860. He was also a notary in Windsor Locks, took the 1870 census, and was more or less engaged in town business.



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CHILDREN : *

333. i. WILLIAM MANDELL, b. 15 Feb. 1844.
 ii. HELEN ELIZA, b. 29 Oct. 1845; d. 23 May 1884 in Windsor Locks, Conn., unmarried.
 iii. ALVIN SWITZER, b. 21 Apr. 1850; d. 27 July 1850 in Hartford, Conn.
334. iv. FRANCIS LEROY, b. 15 Oct. 1855.
 v. CARRIE LILLIAN, b. 12 Sept. 1859; d. 11 Aug. 1876 in Windsor Locks, unmarried.
 vi. FLORENCE ADELLA, b. 27 Oct. 1861; d. 20 Dec. 1882 in Windsor Locks, unmarried.
 vii. KATIE LOUISE, b. 8 Oct. 1863; d. 15 Dec. 1883 in Windsor Locks, unmarried.
 viii. ELLEN MARIA, b. 3 Aug. 1871; is stenographer for the Arms Publishing Company in Hartford, Conn. She is unmarried.

318. CHARLES CONVERSE ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁶, *Robert*^t), born 10 September 1817 in Vernon, Conn.; died 15 May 1893 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; married 17 May 1842 in Hartford, Conn., JANE ELIZABETH CURTIS, daughter of Russell and Mary Seagar (Gould) Curtis, born 15 November 1821 in Springfield, Mass.; resides with the widow and children of her son in Brooklyn.

Charles Converse Ashley settled in East Hartford, Conn., on the day of his marriage, and was for thirteen years superintendent for the firm of Frederick Curtis & Company, manufacturers of spectacles and plated goods in the towns of East Hartford and Glastonbury. While living in East Hartford, he held the office of justice of the peace several years. In 1855 he removed to Newark, N. J., where he lived seven years, during which time he was engaged in no active business.

Mr. Ashley then came to Brooklyn, N. Y., which was his home until his death. During his residence in Brooklyn, a period of over thirty years, he carried on business in New York City, first on Beekman Street, as a hardware merchant for a number of years, and then as a silversmith and optician, on Broadway, Vesey Street and Park Row, being in the latter business at the time of his death.

* The first born in Springfield, Mass., the next in Tolland, Conn., the third in Hartford, Conn., the next two in Tolland, and the others in Ellington, Conn.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST HARTFORD, CONN. :

335. i. CHARLES NEWLAND, b. 31 Oct. 1843.
- ii. JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH, b. 18 Feb. 1847; m. 5 Dec. 1871, Edwin Atherton Phelps of Newark, N. J.
- iii. JANE LOVISA, b. 1 Apr. 1849; m. 21 Jan. 1874, Philander Theodore Horton and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.
- iv. JULIA MAY, b. 10 May 1853; d. 31 Aug. 1854.

319. HENRY ABBOT ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 19 May 1830 in Tolland, Conn.; died 24 June 1867 in Ellington, Conn.; married 30 February 1854 in Tolland, ELIZABETH JANE BUGBEE, daughter of Alanson and Abigail (Spelman) Bugbee, born 26 February 1834 in South Wilbraham, Mass.; resides in Hartford, Conn.

Henry Abbot Ashley settled in his native town after his marriage, and was engaged in farming there for eleven years, residing on the homestead. He then removed to Ellington, Conn., where he passed the remaining two years of his life. Mr. Ashley was a Democrat and represented the town of Tolland in the General Assembly in 1864.

CHILDREN BORN IN TOLLAND, CONN. :

- i. HARRIET ELIZABETH, b. 4 Nov. 1858; d. 28 Dec. 1876 in South Willington, Conn.
- ii. BENJAMIN ALANSON, b. 15 Dec. 1863; d. 14 Nov. 1880 in South Willington.

320. Rev. SAMUEL STANFORD ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 12 May 1819 in Cumberland, R. I.; died 5 October 1887 in Northboro', Mass.; married 5 May 1842 in Providence, R. I., MARY ELIZABETH EELLS, daughter of Waterman and Luthinia (Tomlinson) Eells, born 31 March 1822 in Bridgeport, Conn.; resides in Northboro'.

Samuel Stanford Ashley passed his boyhood and early manhood at his father's home in Providence, R. I., and his early education was obtained in the public schools of that city. In 1842 he became the editor of the *Samaritan*, a paper published in Providence, and was afterwards principal of the Meeting Street school. He was from his youth a strong advocate of temperance, and delivered many earnest addresses in that cause in



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Providence and adjoining towns. He pursued his theological studies at Oberlin College and was graduated at the Theological Department of that institution in 1849. He received the degree of A.M. in 1865.

On leaving college he became the first pastor of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Globe Village, Fall River, Mass., where he remained three years. In 1852 he was called to the Congregational Church in Northboro', Mass., where he labored with great zeal and fidelity until 1864, when, impressed with the conviction that it was his duty to bear some part in the labors and dangers of the Civil War then raging, he resigned his pastorate to engage with the Rev. S. W. Alvord of the Tract Society in work among the soldiers at City Point and Fortress Monroe, Va., under the auspices of the United States Christian Commission. At the close of the war he was appointed by the Government assistant-superintendent of the Bureau for Freedmen, Refugees and Abandoned Lands, and carried on at the same time the work of the American Missionary Association among the colored people at Willington, S. C., during the days of Reconstruction. While living in that State, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention and took a prominent part in its deliberations. He was the first Superintendent of Public Instruction under Governor Holden, being also a member of his Council, and the admirable school system still in operation was to a great extent the work of his hands. At the close of Governor Holden's administration he resumed his work among the freedmen, which he continued until 1871, when he went to New Orleans as an instructor in Straight University, being soon after appointed its acting president. While laboring successfully in that city, he contracted yellow fever, from which he never fully recovered, and was finally obliged to return to the North.

In 1874, having to some extent regained his strength, although far from well, Mr. Ashley offered himself for further service to the American Missionary Association, and was sent to Atlanta, Ga., as the pastor of the First Congregational Church. In this field he labored with marked success until 1878, when, with health sadly impaired by his long and arduous duties in the South, he returned to Northboro', hoping to

regain his strength by engaging in active work in the open air on a small farm which he had purchased in that village. Here, although practically retired from active business and in infirm health, he still felt a deep interest in every thing that concerned the well being of the people among whom he lived. He was particularly interested in the town library and the public schools, being chairman of the school committee until failing health caused him to retire, and to the extent of his ability endeavored to elevate and improve them and extend their influence.

In politics Mr. Ashley was a Republican. He was appointed postmaster of Northboro' in October, 1883, retiring under President Cleveland.

"It is difficult, if not impossible, for those who remained safely at home during the dark days of the war, to realize what this Christian minister sacrificed when he left the people for whom he had labored so many years and whom he had learned to love, or what he endured while laboring among the soldiers and freedmen; but following in the footsteps of the Master whom he served, he devoted his life to the service of the poorest of the poor and the neediest of the needy, and although skull and crossbones met him at every turn, and warnings of certain death if he persisted in his work for a downtrodden and despised race were showered upon him, modestly and quietly he labored on, a stranger to fear, heeding neither the threats of enemies, the advice of friends, or even the entreaties of the wife and children whom he so dearly loved; where he considered it his duty to go, there he would go; and what he believed it to be his duty to say, that he would say, although surrounded by dangers so great that but for the watchful protection of the colored men, who had learned to love and trust him as their friend and benefactor, and who followed him about without his knowledge, at times actually forcing him back from certain death, his life must have been sacrificed long before his work was done."*

CHILDREN :

- i. MARY AUGUSTA, b. 3 Feb. 1843 in Providence, R. I.; resides in Northboro', Mass. She is unmarried.
- ii. EDGAR SAMUEL STANFORD, b. 24 Dec. 1850 in Fall River, Mass.; is a farmer in Northboro'. He is unmarried.

321. JAMES NYE ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*⁴), born 25 March 1827 in Ashford, Conn.; died 2 May 1881 in Greenville, N. J.; married

* "A" in the Providence Journal.

ANNA LOUISE STOCKER, a Canadian by birth, who died in 1883 in Logan, Iowa, aged 45 years.

“James Nye Ashley spent his youth and early manhood in Providence, R. I., where he received a substantial education. His father was a lawyer, and the son inherited much of the strict sense of justice that inhered in the legal profession of the early years of this country. He served as a clerk in the post office in Providence a few years prior to 1850, and he has often referred to his experience in that office with much unction, as compared to the duties of a similar position of the present day. At that time of life he took considerable interest in the politics of the day, and was a frequent contributor of articles bearing upon national, state and municipal affairs. He was an admirer of the old school of politicians, such as Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Benton, and others of like calibre, but of late years had given but little thought to politics, although during the war his sentiments and feelings were of no uncertain character. In the early days of telegraphy he entered upon its study, and with Superintendent Lovett went to Cincinnati, and worked in that city and in Chicago on the House printing instrument. In the latter city he suffered from a serious attack of rheumatism, but a vigorous constitution enabled him to throw it off. Since then he never was known to wear an overcoat, and although in the exceedingly severe winter of 1856-57, when he resided in Cambridge, Mass., and braved the New England storms, which for severity were historical, he was urged to protect himself with warmer wraps, he declined, saying that the colder the wind the warmer was his blood.

After serving in the West for a time, he removed to the East, taking a position in 1854 in the Springfield, Mass., office of the old American Telegraph line. After being a few years in Springfield, he was induced to go to England, accompanied by young Mr. Bishop, to introduce the House printing instrument upon the lines between London and Liverpool. Several months were spent there, but the enterprise was not a success, owing to the fact that the wires were laid underground. He returned to this country, and was given the position of chief operator of the Boston office, made vacant by the death of

Harry Lloyd. In Boston he soon made hosts of friends, not only among the telegraphic but with the newspaper fraternity. He did much to perfect the system of telegraphy, and many of the most eminent students of electricity were frequently to be found in his office, including Prof. Elliott and savants of Harvard University. It was while he was in the Boston office that the writer saw him receive on a House printing instrument, sitting with his back to the instrument, write out from sound the New York Stock Market, a feat of acoustics probably never before or since performed by any one. It was also while Mr. Ashley was in the Boston office that Professor Hughes tested his instrument between the hours of 2 and 4 A. M. by an unbroken circuit from Boston to New Orleans, and back to Halifax and Boston, which was then considered an extraordinary telegraphic reach.

About the time of the breaking out of the Civil War Mr. Ashley came to New York, and went to the front as a correspondent of the *New York Times*, reporting two heavy battles and several skirmishes for that paper. The *New York Herald* then secured his services as correspondent, and after serving in the field—being many times under fire—he was detailed to the *Herald* bureau in Washington, on the staff of Colonel Whiteley. In his services in the army as correspondent he won the esteem and enjoyed the confidence of the generals commanding and all with whom his duties brought him in contact. He subsequently became connected with the Associated Press office in Washington, and when a change of the general agency was made in New York City was employed upon the report to the New England press. He remained in the Associated Press office a few years, when other changes were made in that department. During these years in New York he corresponded with the *Boston Traveler*, and wrote an occasional letter to the *Providence Journal*, for which paper he always possessed a sincere liking. Upon the changes being made in the New England agency, he entered into business connection with telegraphing, and assumed the editorial charge of the *Telegrapher*, which subsequently became consolidated with the present *Journal of the Telegraph*.

In 1870 Mr. Ashley entered into business relations with

Frank L. Pope and T. A. Edison, as the Gold and Exchange Reporting Telegraph Company, and subsequently added to their business the construction and management of private telegraph lines, which latter enterprise was the first successful organization of this nature. In 1871 a partnership was formed, comprising James N. Ashley, Frank L. Pope, S. C. Hendrickson and J. D. Lincoln, for the manufacture of Hendrickson's automatic electric railroad signals, which was successfully carried on till the latter part of 1880, when the patent was sold to a company upon very advantageous terms.

The relations of Mr. Ashley to the telegraphic fraternity have always been of the closest nature, nearly his whole life having been identified with their interests. As Treasurer of the Telegraphers' Mutual Insurance Company, his faithful performance of the duties pertaining thereto are well known to all our readers, and his ability and circumspection in treating of subjects allied to and cognate with the electric science of the world, have been well shown forth in these columns.

In all his life, James N. Ashley was the sincere friend, the plain, truth-speaking man, the good and faithful husband and loving father, one who despised all chicanery, loathed subterfuge, loved all that was noble, of high aim, admired all that was true, honest, sincere; rugged in his openness to all men, he avoided offence to others; gentle and kindly to those he daily met in his walk of life, his memory will not soon fade away. A most marked characteristic was his unselfishness. He never, until he became unconscious in death, ceased to consider the people around him—never himself. He put himself and his own wishes entirely to one side, except when a question of right or wrong arose; then he was like a rock. His life has been a true ensample for emulation by the younger members of the profession now coming upon the active stage of life. Many there were who gathered around his bier whose thoughts ran back to the years of close companionship with him as a friend and counsellor, and as his inanimate form was returned to the earth from whence it came, honest tears fell and coursed over faces that many, many times he had greeted with a cheery smile in years gone by. There were many snowy-headed veterans in the science of electricity who paid the last

tribute of respect to him who had believed that his years would have outrun their own. May his upright life be a beacon to us all.”*

CHILDREN (EXCEPT III) BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. CAROLINE ESTELLE, b. 24 Nov. 1854 ; resides in New York City, and is most favorably known through her skill in mechanical drawing. She is unmarried.
- ii. ELSIE ELIZABETH, b. 19 Feb. 1856 ; m. Harvey K. Weeks of Danville, Vt.
- iii. JAMES L., † b. 14 Oct. 1870 in Brooklyn, N. Y. ; resides in New York City. He is unmarried.

322. ALBERT OLNEY ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 21 August 1829 in Providence, R. I. ; died 2 May 1872 in Wrentham, Mass. ; married 23 April 1863 in Wrentham, SARAH DRAPER, daughter of David Miles and Mary (Ruggles) Draper, born 8 December 1842 in Wrentham ; died 16 May 1872 in Wrentham.

Albert Olney Ashley was a jeweler in Wrentham, Mass.

CHILDREN BORN IN WRENTHAM, MASS. :

- i. ALBERT DRAPER, b. 9 Feb. 1864 ; is a musician and resides in Westboro', Mass. He is unmarried.
- ii. MINNIE LYDIA, b. 7 Jan. 1866 ; m. 10 Feb. 1889, John William Smith and resides in Wrentham.

323. LUCIUS COLBY ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 24 March 1832 in Burrillville, R. I. ; died 23 February 1892 in Jacksonville, Fla. ; married 19 December 1877 in New York City, ELIZABETH HELFENSTEIN ATWATER, daughter of Dr. William and Elizabeth (Helfenstein) Atwater, born 21 August 1854 in Wallingford, Conn. ; resides at present with a brother in San Francisco, Cal.

Lucius Colby Ashley studied law in his father's office in Providence, and was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar on July 3, 1854, and engaged in practice in that city. In 1868 he formed a partnership with Hon. Francis Colwell* of Provi-

* New York Journal of the Telegraph.

† Initial only.

‡ Who has kindly furnished the data for this sketch.

dence under the firm name of Ashley & Colwell, and they were associated in practice up to the time of Mr. Ashley's removal to New York City in 1872. At the time of his changing his residence to New York, Mr. Ashley had become a leading member of the Providence Bar, and will be remembered by his associates as a man of marked native ability, and of thorough training and acquirements in his profession. He ably represented the city of Providence in the State Legislature from May, 1869, to May, 1871.

After coming to New York City in 1872, Mr. Ashley was for about ten years in partnership with his younger brother George, and from then until his decease they occupied adjoining offices. His time was mainly occupied in the successful practice of his profession, with the exception of a year spent in foreign travel. He went abroad in the spring of 1878, and returned in May, 1879, and within a year after his return resumed his practice.

Mr. Ashley was a strong Republican and was much interested in the success of that party. He was actively engaged as a member of the Republican Club of New York City, at first as a member of its executive committee and later as its vice-president. He always thoroughly studied the issues involved, and was a strong, interesting, and effective speaker in the political field. He was very happy in his married life, and was in every way an estimable man, both in social and professional life. His death occurred in Jacksonville, Fla., where he had been staying for some months, trying to recover his health.

His funeral services were held at Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church and were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Hinkle and Cameron. A committee of fifty from the Republican Club attended in a body, and there were also present a large number of the relatives and intimate friends of Mr. Ashley, including many prominent members of the bar. The burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery.

"Mr. Ashley was a master of languages, and earnestly seeking for knowledge and truth had rendered him a fine scholar, without pretension. Those who were favored with his intimacy found him a man of profound thought, instructive and interesting. He will be further re-

membered as a man living practically up to a keen sense of all the obligations of life, with a genuine warmth of heart."*

A TRIBUTE TO LUCIUS C. ASHLEY.

To the Editor of the Tribune :

Sir—The death of Lucius C. Ashley, whose funeral took place this morning at Calvary Church, seems to merit more than a passing notice. As one who knew him intimately for many years, who knew his gentle nature and delighted in his companionship, I beg space for a brief tribute. He was refined, cultured and sympathetic. From his extensive travel, and his familiarity with the languages and literature of Europe, and his comprehensive reading generally, he possessed a well-rounded mind and character. As a lawyer he evinced not only great capacity for labor, but much readiness for digesting intricate questions of law and in expressing his views thereon with clearness. He realized that there was only one way to do anything, and that was emphatically the right way. As a philosophical thinker and lover of his fellow-men, he did all that lay in his power to raise them to a higher plane—morally and politically. As a companion in travel or by the fireside, he was entertaining. He was not only genial but witty ; not only witty but wise ; not only wise and noble, but educating. His nature was somewhat metaphysical and poetical. He loved to hold communion with Nature's visible forms, and allow his fancy to wander where the mind perchance could see "tongues in trees and books in running brooks"—for he saw good in everything. His mind was inductive, and he instinctively contemplated men, their natures and life to come. He loved, like Southey :

‘ Uncontrolled, as in a dream,
To muse upon the course of human things ;
Or, following upon thought's audacious wings,
Into futurity the endless stream.’

His habits and tastes were social and literary, and he drew around him the refined and cultivated. In him frankness and substantiality were marked characteristics, and these always inspire confidence and cement friendship. While his death is most deeply deplored by his immediate family, those who knew him well can but mourn the loss of his companionship. In the realization of the sweet resignation which possessed him—for he considered death but a transition—and the deep contemplation which made his life sublime, we may say of him :

Thy day has come, not gone ;
Thy sun has risen, not set ;
Thy life is now beyond
The reach of death or change,
Not ended—but begun.

O noble soul ! O gentle heart ! Hail ! and farewell.

JOHN FREEMAN BAKER.

New York, Feb. 29, 1892.

* Hon. Francis Colwell in the *Providence Journal*.

SONNET IN MEMORY OF L. C. ASHLEY.

BY JOHN FREEMAN BAKER.

*A mighty man upon his dying bed,
Ere yet life's fitful spark had ebbed away,
In darkness cried, "More light! more light!" while day
In regal beauty still on sunbeams fed.*

*But thou, dear friend, whose death makes heavy moan,
With resignation passed the silent vale,
In faith that He who made mankind so frail,
In His good time will claim them for His own.*

*To his loved spouse, give strength to bear her loss,
Thou whom this life-fill'd world hath richly blest,
And faith to feel that all is for the best.*

*That our afflictions are thy loving cross;
And that, there is no death to those who see
The Star of Hope that shines from Calvary.*

NO CHILDREN.

324. EDWARD CLARENDON ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁹⁴, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 15 May 1834 in Providence, R. I.; died 11 January 1894 in Providence; married 2 September 1861 in Providence, JULIA ANNA BARTON, daughter of Robert Henry and Julia Ann (Bennett) Barton, born 16 August 1841 in Providence; resides in Providence.

Edward Clarendon Ashley settled in Providence, R. I., the city of his birth. He was educated in the public schools, and in early manhood was engaged in the jewelry business and for a short time in the office of Mr. Slocum the lumber dealer. In 1857, at the age of twenty-three, he was appointed deputy collector of the port of Providence by Collector James Aborn. The custom house had just been transferred to the present post office building which had been erected that year, and it was there that Mr. Ashley began his duties.

Throughout the political vicissitudes and upheavals which have occurred since, Mr. Ashley without intermission held the office of deputy collector, proving himself a most capable official. With the experience acquired by long continuance in office, he grew to be the tutor of each succeeding collector during the administrations of Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes,

Cleveland, Harrison and Cleveland again, being still in office at the time of his death.

Mr. Ashley had been practically for a long time the working collector, as upon him each new appointee naturally relied for the proper discharge of the work of the office. He was also clerk of the port, and in this position as in the other his methods were most highly commended. It is probable that he was the oldest deputy collector in actual service in the United States, certainly in a port the size of Providence.

During his long life Mr. Ashley filled all positions with fidelity and integrity, and was unselfish and kindly considerate to all with whom he was brought into contact. Collector Pomroy, in speaking of him, said, "His qualities were of the noblest. In business his every act was praiseworthy." Mr. Ashley was an attendant at the Union Congregational Church. His death was the result of an attack of the gripe.

CHILDREN BORN IN PROVIDENCE, R. I. :

- i. JULIA BARTON, b. 15 Aug. 1862 ; m. 24 Apr. 1888. Arthur Free-born Rich and resides in Providence.
- ii. FANNIE OLNEY, b. 12 Aug. 1866 ; m. 9 Apr. 1890, John Wallace McAuslan of Burlington, Vt., and resides in Providence.
- iii. JESSIE ALICE, b. 8 May 1871 ; m. 10 Oct. 1894, Robert Allan Jenckes and resides in Providence.
- iv. HATTIE FIELD, b. 15 Feb. 1869 ; d. 14 Apr. 1871.
- v. EDWARD CLARENDON, b. 19 Sept. 1873 ; d. 25 Dec. 1878.

325. GEORGE BANCROFT ASHLEY (*Samuel*³⁰³, *Samuel*²⁰⁴, *Abner*²⁰⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁸, *Robert*¹;) born 24 February 1846 in Providence, R. I. ; resides in New York City ; married 29 November 1876 in Baltimore, Md., EMMA RAYMOND CHILDS, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Lay) Childs, born 6 March 1851 in Troy, N. Y.

George Bancroft Ashley got his early education in the schools in his native city and Northboro', Mass., and on his return from the latter place attended a commercial college in Providence. He then came to New York City and studied law at the Columbia Law School, taking in one year the regular two years course. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1870, and since then has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, at first in partnership for ten years with his brother Lucius and since then by himself.

Mr. Ashley is a member of the Manhattan Club, the State Bar Association and the Bar Association of the City of New York.

NO CHILDREN.

326. ELISHA LILLIE ASHLEY (*Ransford*³⁰⁵, *Daniel*²⁹⁵, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 8 August 1824 in Abington,* Conn.; killed 27 October 1862 at the battle of Georgia Landing, La.; married 6 November 1853 in Pomfret, Conn., ELIZA JANE BUTTON, daughter of Hiram and Catherine Irene (Meeks) Button, born 25 September 1832 in Windham, Conn.; resides in Hampton.

Elisha Lillie Ashley settled as a farmer in Hampton, Conn., where he lived until the fall succeeding the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted November 15, 1861, and was mustered December 5th, as a private in Company G, Twelfth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers. He was struck and killed by a shell in a skirmish before the battle of Georgia Landing, La., October 27, 1862.

CHILDREN BORN IN HAMPTON, CONN. :

- i. IRENE JANE, b. 12 Oct. 1854; m. 18 Mar. 1878, Nelson H. Green and resides in Hampton.
- ii. ELIZA ANN, b. 5 May 1856; m. 22 Sept. 1883, James H. Kies and resides in Hampton.
- iii. CELIA VICTORIA, b. 17 Mar. 1858; m. 7 June 1888, Charles Young and resides in Hampton.
- iv. A son, b. 14 Jan. 1860; d. in a few hours.
- v. ANJEANNETTE, b. 10 Jan. 1861; m. 1 Nov. 1880, Denison Buker and resides in Crystal Lake, Conn.

327. WILLIAM SMITH ASHLEY (*Ransford*³⁰⁵, *Daniel*²⁹⁵, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*[†]), born 1 October 1833[†] in Hampton, Conn.; resides in Hampton; married 4 May 1853 in Brooklyn, Conn., ADELAIDE MERIA CHURCH, daughter of Mason and Abigail (Welden) Church, born 7 February 1835 in Winsted, Conn.

William Smith Ashley is a painter and paper-hanger by trade. He lived in his native town until 1860, when he

* By his brother, although recorded in Hampton.

† By himself, although recorded 13 Oct. 1831.

removed to Worcester, Mass., where he was in business ten years. He then returned to Hampton, which is his present residence.

CHILDREN :

- i. ARLOW CARLTON, b. 31 Aug. 1854 in Hampton, Conn.; d. 7 Apr. 1863 in Worcester, Mass.
- ii. FRANK WILLIAM, b. 9 Dec. 1862 in Worcester; d. 5 Nov. 1863.
- iii. ADDIE LOUISA, } twins, b. 21 Feb. { resides in Hampton. She
- iv. ETTA MERIAL, } 1865, in { is unmarried.
- Worcester; { m. 31 Aug. 1890, Willard
- Fillmore Avery and resides in Scotland, Conn.
- v. HARLEY MASON, b. 19 Feb. 1876 in Hampton; drowned there 9 July 1893.

328. CHARLES RICKARD ASHLEY (*Walter*³⁰⁹, *Joseph*²⁹⁶, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 21 August 1835 in Hampton, Conn.; resides in Willimantic, Conn.; married 1 March 1870 in Smithfield, R. I., ELLEN MARIAH JOHNSON, daughter of Asa and Nancy Elizabeth (Shaw) Johnson, born 5 June 1834 in Lancaster, Mass.

Charles Rickard Ashley is the fourth generation that has been born, and the fifth that has lived, on the old Ashley homestead in Hampton, Conn. At the age of nineteen years he began stage driving, and ran the mail route between Willimantic and Killingly, Conn., about eleven years. He then, in 1867, went to Providence, R. I., where he was conductor on the street car line a short time, and then entered the employ of the city as superintendent of streets. He remained in Providence twenty-four years, and then returned to Willimantic, Conn., where he lives at present.

NO CHILDREN.

329. ALFRED ASHLEY (*Alfred*³¹¹, *Thomas*²⁹⁷, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 7 October 1825 in Mount Clemens, Mich.; died 11 November 1874 in New Baltimore, Mich.; married, 1st, 7 June 1858 in Mount Clemens, JOSEPHINE MARY COOKE, daughter of Dewey Benjamin and Almeda (Bevins) Cooke, born 22 April 1830 in Warrensville, Ohio; resides in Columbus, Ohio. They were divorced by mutual consent. He married, 2d, in November 1871 in New Balti-

more, Mrs. ELLEN (ROSE) STONE, widow of Elias L. Stone of Romeo, Mich., and daughter of Henry and Matilda (Furman) Rose, born 26 October 1837 in Orange Co., N. Y.; died 25 May 1893 in New Baltimore.

Alfred Ashley in early manhood engaged in mercantile business in Detroit, Mich. At the death of his father, in 1857, he returned to his home in New Baltimore, Mich., where he established himself in the furniture and undertaking business, and was also occupied with the care of the considerable real estate left by his father.

In the second year of the Civil War, in June, 1862, Mr. Ashley received his commission as captain to recruit a company. The company was mustered on August 22d as Company F, Twenty-second Michigan Volunteers. Ill health compelled him to resign his captaincy on November 27, 1862, and he returned to New Baltimore, where he continued in business the rest of his life.

Mr. Ashley was a most honorable man in all the relations of life, and was highly respected by all. He was one of the earliest and most prominent residents of New Baltimore. He died after an illness of only three days.

CHILDREN BORN IN NEW BALTIMORE, MICH. :

By first wife :

- i. ALICE EUGENIA, b. 28 Aug. 1861; is studying to become a teacher. She resides with her mother in Columbus, Ohio, and is unmarried.
- ii. ARTHUR EUGENE, b. 3 Mar. 1863; is a machinist and resides in St. Louis, Mo. He is unmarried.
- iii. BEATRICE LEONORE, b. 17 July 1864; resides in Columbus, unmarried.

By second wife :

336. iv. ALFRED HENRY, b. 13 July 1872.

330. EDWARD EUGENE ASHLEY (*Gilbert E.*³¹³, *Luther*²⁹⁸, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 24 November 1847 in Chaplin, Conn.; resides in Plainfield, Conn.; married, 1st, 28 November 1872 in Scotland, Conn., ELLEN SOPHIA WOOD, daughter of Oliver and Susan Barstow (Palmer) Wood, born 25 October 1852 in Scotland; died 5 June 1882 in Plainfield. He married, 2d, 16 September 1884

in Plainfield, FANNIE EDNA STARKWEATHER, daughter of Daniel and Mary Louisa (Frink) Starkweather, born 29 March 1849 in Plainfield.

Edward Eugene Ashley removed from his father's farm in Scotland, Conn., to Plainfield in the same county in April, 1877. He was then a clerk in a grocery store until his appointment as postmaster of Plainfield, which office he held until 1894. He is now agent of the United States Express Company at that place.

Mr. Ashley has held the office of town constable. He is a member of Protection Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Hope Council, O. U. A. M.

CHILDREN BORN IN SCOTLAND, CONN.:

By first wife:

- i. SUSAN FRANCES, b. 14 Oct. 1873; is assistant in the post office in Plainfield, Conn. She is unmarried.
- ii. ALFRED DROWN, b. 15 Sept. 1875; is clerk in a grocery store in Plainfield. He is unmarried.

CHILD BORN IN PLAINFIELD, CONN.:

By second wife:

- iii. EDNA LOUISE, b. 20 July 1891.

331. JOHN HUMPHREY ASHLEY (*Gilbert E.*³¹³, *Luther*²⁹⁵, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 29 September 1850 in Chaplin, Conn.; resides in Ulysses, Neb.; married 20 September 1874 in Scotland, Conn., JANE ABIGAIL PALMER, daughter of Dea. Alfred and Caroline (Parkhurst) Palmer, born 27 September 1848 in Scotland.

John Humphrey Ashley followed the occupation of farming in Scotland, Conn., where his father had settled in 1855, until the spring of 1881. He then went to Ulysses, Butler County, Neb., where he has continued since to reside, engaged in farming.

NO CHILDREN.

332. GEORGE DROWN ASHLEY (*Gilbert E.*³¹³, *Luther*²⁹⁵, *Jonathan*²⁹², *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*ⁱ), born 22 December 1858 in Scotland, Conn.; resides in Willimantic, Conn.; married 28 June 1880 in Willimantic, HATTIE T. GARDNER, daughter of Jonathan and Lucy (Lyman) Gardner, born 5 July 1857 in Norwich, Conn.

George Drown Ashley in the fall of 1878 removed from his native place to Willimantic, Conn., to learn the printer's trade. He worked for the Chronicle Printing Company nearly two years, when ill health compelled him to give up his position. He has continued to reside in Willimantic, however, and at the present time is fireman for the Willimantic Linen Company.

CHILDREN BORN IN WILLIMANTIC, CONN.:

- i. LILIA BELLE, b. 2 Aug. 1883.
- ii. GILBERT EVERETT, b. 8 June 1887.

333. WILLIAM MANDELL ASHLEY (*Elijah*³¹⁷, *Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁸, *Robert*¹), born 15 February 1844 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Springfield; married 15 February 1866 in Ellington, Conn., ROMELIA ANTOINETTE CHARTER, daughter of Aaron and Abigail (Warner) Charter, born 2 April 1843 in Ellington.

William Mandell Ashley attended school until he was sixteen years old, and then entered his father's store in the village of Ellington, Conn., as a clerk. He was married on his twenty-second birthday, and that year (1866) went to Windsor Locks, Conn., and opened a general store; but closed it out, and in November received the appointment of station agent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at that place. He held that position until June, 1887, being then promoted to the freight station of the same company at Springfield, Mass. He resigned this position in February, 1894, and since then has passed most of his time on his farm in Altamonte Springs, Orange County, Fla.; but Springfield is his permanent residence.

CHILDREN BORN IN WINDSOR LOCKS, CONN.:

- i. MAY, b. 20 Dec. 1868; is stenographer for the Duryea Motor Wagon Company in Springfield, Mass. She is unmarried.
- ii. GRACE, b. 21 Aug. 1870; is a librarian in the Springfield City Library. She is unmarried.
- iii. WILLIAM CHARTER, b. 28 Feb. 1872; is in the dairy product business in Springfield, under the name of the Dirigo Creamery Company. He is unmarried.
- iv. MYRON MANDELL, b. 10 July 1879.

334. FRANCIS LEROY ASHLEY (*Elijah*³¹⁷, *Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 15 October 1855 in Tolland, Conn.; resides in Windsor Locks, Conn.; married 12 June 1884 in Suffield, Conn., EMMA ELIZABETH HODGE, daughter of David Buel and Mariette (Cartter) Hodge, born 20 December 1858 in Suffield.

Francis LeRoy Ashley came from Ellington, Conn., where his father was then living, to Windsor Locks, Conn., in June, 1872, to enter the employ of his brother, who was then station agent for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at that place. When his brother was promoted to a similar position at Springfield, Mass., in June, 1887, Mr. Ashley succeeded him and still holds that position, being also express agent there.

CHILDREN BORN IN WINDSOR LOCKS, CONN.:

- i. KATIE LOUISE, b. 31 Mar. 1886.
- ii. HOWARD FRANCIS, b. 27 Apr. 1887.
- iii. ROBERT LEROY, b. 10 Sept. 1888.
- iv. RUTH ANTOINETTE, b. 3 Apr. 1892.

335. CHARLES NEWLAND ASHLEY (*Charles C.*³¹⁸, *Benjamin*³⁰², *Abner*²⁹³, *Abner*²⁹⁰, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 31 October 1843 in East Hartford, Conn.; died 10 December 1893 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; married 28 October 1868 in Iilon, N. Y., ALICE IRLAM, daughter of John and Jane (Qualter) Irlam, born 4 October 1850 in Manchester, England; resides in Brooklyn.

Charles Newland Ashley as a young man was employed in several gun shops and similar manufactories. He enlisted in the Union Army September 3, 1862, for nine months, as a private in Company K, Twenty-sixth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, but was discharged for disability (inflammatory rheumatism brought on by exposure) at Hagerstown, Md., the first of the following December. He was taken home, where he suffered more or less from rheumatism for two years. Being somewhat recovered, he reënlisted in Company E, Thirty-seventh Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, Col. E. Burd Grubb, and was mustered May 31, 1864, for one hundred days' picket duty from June 23, 1864. He was promoted cor-

poral May 31, and sergeant June 24, 1864, and was discharged at Trenton, N. J., at the expiration of his term of service, October 1, 1864. He suffered greatly from rheumatism all the time he was out, but insisted on serving his time.

After leaving the army, Mr. Ashley went to work in a pistol factory in Elizabeth, N. J., and in October, 1867, removed to Ilion, N. Y., where he was employed in the E. Remington & Sons' gun factory, when his health permitted him to work, until 1872. He then entered Colt's factory in Hartford, Conn., where he worked on street car indicators. He returned to Ilion about a year later, and worked for the Remingtons on guns for the Spanish government. In February, 1879, he came to Brooklyn, N. Y., and entered the employ of the Hall Manufacturing Company in New York City, going with it in February, 1880, to Milford, Conn., where he remained until June, 1881. He then returned to Brooklyn, where he was in the employ of the Brady Manufacturing Company, makers of electric lamps, until 1889. From then until 1891 he was with the Hammond Typewriter Company in New York City.

His health having failed very rapidly for some time, he was obliged to give up work in October, 1891. He suffered very much from heart trouble, brought on by rheumatism contracted in the army, and he died suddenly early one morning while passing from one room to another in his house in Brooklyn. Mr. Ashley was a loving husband and kind father, and a general favorite among his friends. In religion he was a Spiritualist, as are all of his family.

CHILDREN (EXCEPT VI) BORN IN ILION, N. Y. :

- i. JOHN IRLAM, b. 25 June 1870; is in the fish business in partnership with his brother Samuel in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is unmarried.
- ii. CLINTON CURTIS, b. 17 Mar. 1873; was an aligner in the Hammond Typewriter Company in New York City until November, 1895, since which time he has held the same position with the Remington Company in Ilion, N. Y. He is unmarried.
- iii. EDWIN PHELPS, b. 29 Aug. 1874; is in the confectionery business in Brooklyn. He is unmarried.
- iv. SAMUEL EDWARD QUALTER, b. 5 Dec. 1876; is in the fish business in partnership with his eldest brother in Brooklyn. He is unmarried.

- v. JANE ELIZABETH, b. 22 Mar. 1879.
- vi. CHARLES NEWLAND, b. 7 Sept. 1881 in Brooklyn; is in a lawyer's office in New York City.

336. ALFRED HENRY ASHLEY (*Alfred*³²⁹, *Alfred*³¹¹, *Thomas*²⁹⁷, *Joseph*²⁹¹, *Samuel*²⁸⁸, *Jonathan*²⁸⁵, *Robert*¹), born 13 July 1872 in New Baltimore, Mich.; resides in New Baltimore; married 8 January 1895 in New Baltimore, CATHARINE LAFORGE, daughter of Moses and Matilda (Rose) Laforge, born 11 December 1876 in New Baltimore.

Alfred Henry Ashley resides in his native place. He is an artist, painter and decorator, and executes portraits and landscapes in oils, crayon and pastel. He is game and fish warden for Macomb County.

NO CHILDREN.

PART III.

JOSEPH ASHLEY
OF WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

- A. The West Springfield Branch.
- B. The Springfield Branch.

PART III.

JOSEPH ASHLEY

OF WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

337. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Robert*[†]), born 6 July 1652 in Springfield, Mass.; died 18 May 1698 in West Springfield, Mass.; married 16* October 1685 in Springfield, MARY PARSONS, daughter of Cornet Joseph and Mary (Bliss) Parsons, born 27 June 1661 in Northampton, Mass. She married, 2d, 2 March 1698-9 in Springfield, Joseph Williston of Springfield, and died 23 August 1711 in Springfield.

Joseph Ashley settled on the west side of the Connecticut River in what is now West Springfield. He had inherited all his father's lands in that part of Springfield, which made him a considerable land owner there. His home lot of five acres was bounded on the north by the land of John Bagg, on the east by the Connecticut River, on the south by the land of Nathaniel Morgan and on the west by the highway.[†] He also owned land in the Farm Meadow and in Chicopee Field on the west side of the river, as well as land near Agawam River, and a lot on the east side of the Connecticut in Springfield.

Joseph Ashley's homestead was in the Riverdale district of West Springfield. His eldest son inherited it, and the latter's descendants have lived on it and in that neighborhood. His youngest son's descendants became so numerous that the part of the town where most of them resided was named Ashley-

* By town record, 15 by Pyncheon's record.

† See his inventory (taken 27 Oct. 1711) and the account of the partition and settlement of his estate. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 3, pp. 307-8.]

ville, a name still in use. "It is a fact worthy of note, that the Ashleys as a family, during the entire long period they have lived in West Springfield, have been among the first in thrift, respectability, and all interests tending to advance the well-being of society."*

Joseph Ashley was chosen surveyor of highways on the east side of the town in 1676 and 1677. On January 1, 1678-9, he took the oath of allegiance to the Colony. In 1682 he was chosen town constable and held that office until 1684. On December 5, 1682, he was "chosen prizer for the Towne's stocke for makeing the Towne's Rates." With Nathaniel Morgan he was chosen fence viewer "for Chickuppe Field, West Side," on February 11, 1683, and held that office a number of years.

Joseph Ashley was involved with the court at various times, either on account of violating some ordinance of the town or for not performing satisfactorily the duties of the offices which he had been chosen to fill. On July 31, 1679, he was summoned by the warrant of Isaac Morgan for taking his horse out of pasture and riding him, and was fined ten shillings.

"At a County Court held at Springfield September 28, 1680: Joseph Ashley being presented by the grand jury to this Court for his working his team two hours or thereabouts, after sundown y^e night before y^e Lord's Day, and so for his prophaneing y^t holy time this Court to bear due testimony against such kind of growing and provokeing prophaneness doe ajudge y^e said Joseph Ashley to pay to y^e County Treasurie as a fine the sum of 5^s."†

On December 24, 1680, Joseph Ashley got an attachment against Thomas Hancock, and the latter, being committed to prison in Boston, afterwards engaged himself as apprentice to Ashley.‡ At a session of the court, held at Northampton March 29, 1681, Joseph Ashley appeared as attorney for John Higby of Windsor, plaintiff against Thomas Hancock, to recover £2 17^s 10^d, and the court found that sum for the plaintiff. In another case in which he appeared for Higby and others to

* "History of the Connecticut Valley," vol. 2, p. 907.

† Hampsh. Co. Court Rec., vol. 1, p. 209.

‡ Pyncheon Records.

recover £20, the court found for the defendant with costs of £1 12^s 6^d.

March 28, 1682, "Joseph Ashley, presented to the Court for taking and marking of other men's horses contrary to law and to answer at the next Court at Northampton, not appearing, is fined 10^s."

September 30, 1684, "Joseph Ashley, late constable of Springfield, is fined 40^s for not making proper returning of his collecting of County Rates."

May 18, 1685, "Joseph Ashley is presented for 10 rods of defective fence three days and we do sentence him to pay 15 shillings."

April 23, 1686, "Joseph Ashley is presented for want of a stake and is adjudged to pay nine shillings to the Towne." He was fined again for a like offence in 1688 and 1691.

February, 1691, "Joseph Ashley fined six shillings for absenting himself from town-meeting."

June 22, 1693, "Joseph Ashley and Nathaniel Morgan complained of for neglecting their duties as fence viewers and are fined five shillings."

In 1694 James Munn recovered damages from Joseph Ashley for "taking all the hay he had moved to halves."

The foregoing extracts show for what slight violations of the law a man could be summoned to appear before the court in those days. It was in the spring of 1686, however, that Joseph Ashley found himself involved in a serious difficulty, which gained him much unpleasant notoriety and nearly caused a separation between him and his wife.

A few months previous to his marriage Joseph Ashley had formed an intimacy with Deborah Miller,* a young woman in Springfield, which resulted in their being summoned before the court.† In consequence of this affair, his wife in connec-

* She was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Marshfield) Miller and was b. Nov. 9, 1662 in Springfield. Her father was killed in the Falls fight, Oct. 5, 1675. "Deborah Miller had a son born out of marriage Apr. 16, 1686, named Jabez." [Spring. T. Rec. of Births.] She m. June 9, 1692, James Garrell (or Gerald) of Springfield. He died there about seven years later, but she lived many years and appears to have been occupied a great deal as a nurse among the sick of the town. Their son James taught the school in Longmeadow and the grammar school in Springfield.

† Which fined them and ordered him to pay 2^s 6^d a week towards the support of their son (see preceding paragraph) until he should be five years old, at which time he was to pay £5 towards apprenticing him to some trade. [Hampsh. Co. Court Rec., vol. 1, pp. 203, 9, 11, 22, 3, 41, 55, 9.] This son settled in Springfield, and, on coming of age, took his father's name, by which he was thereafter known. (No. 389.) Sufficient evidence of the correctness of this statement has been found aside from the convincing proof in Spring. T. Rec., vol. 3, p. 28, ¶ 4, where is recorded the election on March 13, 1715-6, to one of the minor town offices of "Joseph Ashley alias Miller."

tion with her brother and mother made application for a divorce in February, 1687, but through the exertions of mutual friends they became reconciled and lived together until his death.

The inventory of Joseph Ashley's estate was not taken until October 27, 1711, after the decease of his widow. It amounted to £329-9^s-6^d, and the property was divided among his five children, the sons taking the real estate and the daughters the movables and a money equivalent. His oldest son had the homestead.*

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- 338. i. JOSEPH, b. 27 July 1686.
- 339. ii. EBENEZER, b. about 1688.
 - iii. MARY, b. 4 Feb. 1692 ; m. 2 Feb.† 1713-4, William Parsons of Northampton, Mass.
 - iv. ABIGAIL, b. 13 July 1695 ; m. 8 June 1720, Ebenezer Morgan of West Springfield.
- 340. v. BENJAMIN, b. 20 Feb. 1697.

* Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec. vol. 3, pp. 307-8.

† By Spring T. Rec., Mar. by Pynchon Rec.

PART III. A.

The West Springfield Branch.

338. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 27 July 1686 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 12 May 1720 in West Springfield;* published intention of marriage 18 February 1715-6 in Springfield with MARTHA LEONARD, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Scott) Leonard, born 23 October 1695 in West Springfield. She married, 2d, 13 July 1722 in West Springfield, Charles Ferry of West Springfield.[‡]

Joseph Ashley inherited his father's homestead in the Riverdale district in West Springfield, where he settled and passed his life, engaged in farming. He was chosen town constable March 12, 1717.[‡]

"On March 22, 1713-4, Benjamin Smith, John Bagg, Jonathan Bagg, Joseph Ashley and Nathaniel Sikes, Jr., presented a petition for liberty to set up a sawmill upon the stream called Paucatuck brook at the upper fall, with five or six acres of land for ponding, which permission was granted."

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. MARTHA, b. 23 Apr. 1717; m. 19 Dec. 1734, Daniel Lamb of West Springfield.
- ii. MARY, b. 20 Jan. 1718-9; m. 7 Nov. 1734, Eliakim Cooley, Jr., of West Springfield.
- 341. iii. JOSEPH, b. 13 Dec. 1720.

339. EBENEZER ASHLEY (*Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born about 1688 in West Springfield, Mass.; died in May 1742 in West

* Recorded as "son of Joseph and Mary Ashley." See also the will of his brother Ebenezer.

† Her death is not on record.

‡ Administration was granted on his estate 4 June 1720 to his widow Martha, Benjamin Leonard, Jr., and Ebenezer Ashley. Inventory taken 3 June 1720. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 4, p. 37.]

Springfield; married 30 November 1727 in West Springfield, SARAH MILLER, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Beaman) Miller, born 21 September 1688 in West Springfield; died 20 February 1747 in West Springfield.

Ebenezer Ashley lived in West Springfield and was a cooper by trade. The only town office he appears to have held was that of fence viewer, to which he was elected in 1712 and 1733.*

NO CHILDREN.

340. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*), born 20 February 1697 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 11 May 1772 in West Springfield; married 31 December 1726 in ? West Springfield, JANE SHAW, a native of Ireland,[†] who died 25 December 1788 in West Springfield, aged 87 years.

Benjamin Ashley was brought up by his step-father, Joseph Williston, and learned the trade of a carpenter and housewright. He settled in that part of West Springfield which is now called Ashleyville from the fact that his descendants became so numerous and such extensive land owners in that section of the town. He accumulated a considerable property, which at his death included a wharf, millpond and mills, besides a large amount of land.[‡]

Benjamin Ashley does not appear to have sought public office. He was chosen fence viewer in 1731, 1737 and 1740, and town constable in 1742, but refused to take the oath of the latter office. He and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in West Springfield in 1742.

"My great-grandmother came from Ireland. She was very industrious herself and kept everyone else busy. At last she was on her death bed, and the minister was summoned to pray with her and prepare her for her last journey. He found her in bed with a large fleece of wool,

* His will, dated 5 Sept. 1739, proved 10 Aug. 1742, mentions his wife Sarah, "cousins" Mary Cole [Cooley] and Martha Lamb, brother Benjamin, "cousin Joseph son of my brother Joseph deceased," and sister Abigail Morgan. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 6, p. 145.] Inventory taken 19 May 1742. [Ditto, p. 180.] His widow's will and inventory. [Ditto, vol. 7, pp. 135, 44.]

† Probably a sister or relative of the Shaws who came from Queenstown to Massachusetts in 1720. [See "History of Brimfield," p. 449.]

‡ His will, dated 27 June 1771, proved 7 July 1772, mentions his wife Jane and six children. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 12, p. 9.]

some of which she held in her hands and was picking to pieces. 'Why! Mrs. Ashley,' he said, 'still at work? Haven't you done enough?' She replied, 'I thought I would be picking a little wool while I was in the land of the living.'**

In Memory of M^r
BENJAMIN ASHLEY
who died May 11th 1772
in ^e_y 76th Year of his Age.

Were Death deny'd the
Saint would live in vain.
Death frees him from a
world of sin and pain.
What Eden lost, death
gives with vast increase.
This King of terrors is
the prince of peace.†

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MARY, b. 21 Dec. 1727; m. 4 Apr. 1765, Asahel Taylor of West Springfield.
- 342. ii. AARON, b. 14 Apr. 1729.
- 343. iii. MOSES, b. 23 July 1731.
- 344. iv. DAVID, b. 19 July 1735.
- 345. v. BENJAMIN, b. 14 Nov. 1737.
- 346. vi. JOHN, b. 20 June 1740.

341. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 13 December 1720 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 8 August 1813 in West Springfield; married 11 August 1748 in ? Springfield, ELEANOR MILLER, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Mary (Combs) Miller, born about 1722 in Ludlow, Mass.; died 14 April 1808 in West Springfield, aged 86 years.

Joseph Ashley settled on his father's homestead in Riverdale in West Springfield. He learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner from his uncle Benjamin Ashley, and followed it more or less throughout his life. He was engaged chiefly in farming, however, and owned a large amount of real estate in the Riverdale district.

*Told by the late Robert C. Ashley.

† Gravestone in the old cemetery in Merrick, West Springfield.

Joseph Ashley was a soldier in the French and Indian War. He enlisted October 17, 1742, and served until November 18th, in the company of Capt. Ephraim Williams, Jr., at Fort Massachusetts.* He also served with his cousin Moses Ashley (343) in Capt. Isaac Colton's company from September 3, 1754, to September 9, 1754.† He was elected town constable in 1755, and held other minor town offices.‡

JOSEPH ASHLEY

DIED

August 8, 1813,
In the 93^d year of
his age.§

In Memory of
Mrs Eleanor
consort of Mr.
JOSEPH ASHLEY
who died
14th April 1808 :
in the 86 Year
of her age.

And was the first in this yard.§

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ELEANOR, b. 3 Apr. 1749; m. 28 Sept. 1769, Joseph Taylor of West Springfield.
- ii. BELINDA, b. 3 June 1751; m. || 5 Apr. 1781, Jared Smith of West Springfield.
- iii. MARTHA, b. 20 Feb. 1754; m. 26 Jan. 1775, Jonathan Cooley of West Springfield.
347. iv. JOSEPH, b. 18 Sept. 1756.
- v. MARY, b. 22 Sept. 1759. "Mrs. Mary Ashley d. 15 Aug. 1834 in West Springfield, aged 75 years."**
348. vi. EBENEZER, b. 31 July 1762.
- vii. MARGARET, b. 18 Sept. 1765; m. 21 Dec. 1786, Capt. Darius Ely of West Springfield.

* Mass. Arch., vol. 92, p. 70.

† Ditto, vol. 93, p. 115.

‡ His will, dated 30 June 1807, with codicils of 8 Jan. 1808 and 3 Aug. 1809, proved 24 Aug. 1813, mentions his sons Ebenezer and Joseph (his "house and shop"), his daughters Eleanor Taylor, Belinda Smith, Martha Cooley and Margaret Ely, and his daughter Mary Ashley's children, CHARLOTTE ASHLEY (see No. 349. iii.) and Francis Williston. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 1, p. 123.]

§ Gravestone in the cemetery on Meeting-house Hill, West Springfield.

|| *Lynda* in the intention of marriage and, wrongly, *Lydia* in the town record of marriage.

** Gravestone in the cemetery on Meeting-house Hill. See mention of her in her father's will.

342. Capt. AARON ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 14 April 1729 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 29 October 1799 in West Springfield; married 25 January 1759 in West Springfield, JERUSHA MORGAN, daughter of Peletiah and Rachel (Bagg) Morgan, baptized 18 August 1734 in West Springfield; died 16 November 1793 in West Springfield.*

Aaron Ashley lived in Ashleyville in West Springfield, Mass. He was a farmer and his nephew Moses Ashley, whom he adopted, helped him in the management of his farm. His house is still standing on the east side of the river road, but the trolley line has cut off the front yard. Aaron Ashley was a prominent man in the town and had the title of "Captain." He was a soldier in the French and Indian War,[†] and later commanded a company of local militia. He was elected town constable in 1766, and held other minor town offices.[‡]

NO CHILDREN.

343. MOSES ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 23 July 1731 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 27 July 1792 in West Springfield; married 4 April[§] 1765 in West Springfield, SARAH ROWE,^{||} a native of England, who died 24 April 1823 in West Springfield, aged 85 years.

Moses Ashley while a young man saw service in the French and Indian War. He served from September 3 to September 9, 1754, in Capt. Isaac Colton's company.** He enlisted March 29, 1755, in Capt. Jonathan Ball's company, in which he served thirty-five weeks. On the back of the roll is written, "Capt.

* Her gravestone in Ashleyville cemetery says:

If former days || were spent in vain,
Wast not the few || that may remain.
Of future time || dare not to boast;
If thou delay || thy soul is lost.

† "A return of the men enlisted or impressed for the invasion of Canada to be put under the immediate command of His Excellency Jeffery Amherst: Aaron Ashley, residing in Springfield, aged 22 [?] 29] years, enlisted Apr. 6, at Lake George, 1758," [Mass. Arch., vol. 97, p. 235.]

‡ His will, dated 24 Mar. 1795, proved 26 Nov. 1799, mentions himself as a "son of Benjamin Ashley," his brother David and his son Aaron, his brother Benjamin, and Moses son of his brother Moses, deceased. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 21, p. 51.]

§ By town record, 16 Mar. by one family record.

|| Joined West Springfield Church in 1764.

** Mass. Arch., vol. 93, p. 115.

Ball hired a wagon to carry men from Greenbush to Kinderhook and from Kinderhook to the Patent Lands, about fifteen miles this side of Kinderhook," which gives some idea of the route. He was discharged November 28, 1755.* He reënlisted May 6, 1756,† in the same company, Col. Joseph Dwight's regiment, on an expedition against Crown Point, and marched one hundred and five miles.‡ He reënlisted April 23, 1758, in Capt. Benjamin Day's company, Col. William Williams' regiment, raised for the reduction of Canada. He was at Lake George and was discharged October 28th, but served until November 4, 1758.§ In the next campaign, 1759, he was enlisted by Captain Morgan and was mustered March 1st,|| and probably took part in the reduction of Canada.

In the Revolution he was a private in the 14th Company, Capt. John Morgan, 3d Hampshire County Regiment (Col. John Moseley), from September 21 to October 17, 1777, and served with that regiment in an "expedition to the Northward."**

Moses Ashley settled in Ireland Parish in West Springfield. His farm lay on the banks of Ashley's Pond, now within the limits of the city of Holyoke. He had a fine farm and was a prosperous farmer. He was drowned in Ashley Pond. His youngest son inherited the homestead.†† Moses Ashley and his wife lie buried in the cemetery in Ashleyville. Their common gravestone is inscribed as follows:

In Memory of
Moses Ashley
who was
drowned
July 27, 1792
Æ 62.

also
Sarah
Consort of
Moses Ashley
died April 24, 1823
Æ 85.

* Mass. Arch., vol. 95, p. 77.

† Caesar Ashley, a slave, enlisted next day in the same regiment.

‡ Mass. Arch., vol. 94, pp. 165, 427.

§ Ditto, vol. 96, rolls 43 and 327.

|| Ditto, vol. 97, roll 420.

** Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 21, p. 67.

†† Administration was granted on his estate 2 Oct. 1792 to his son Elisha. The inventory mentions "3 rights in the town of Rochester, Vt.," and the estate was divided between his widow and three children.

CHILDREN :*

349. i. MOSES, b. 23 Feb. 1766.
 ii. MARY, b. 13 July 1767; m. Jacob Rogers of West Springfield.
 350. iii. ELISHA, b. 6 Nov. 1768.
 iv. SARAH, b. 7 Nov. 1770; d. in infancy.
 v. STEPHEN, b. 24 Feb. 1773; d. in infancy.
 vi. LEVI, b. 10 Jan. 1775; d. in infancy.

344. Lieut. DAVID ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 19 July 1735 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 28 March 1813 in West Springfield; married 26 January 1769 in South Hadley, Mass., MERIBAH GAYLORD, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Scovill) Gaylord, born 3 July 1746 in South Hadley; died 7 February 1810 in West Springfield, aged 65 years.[†]

David Ashley settled in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He was a prosperous farmer and became one of the largest real estate owners in the valley, owning large tracts of land in West Springfield. He was elected constable in 1775, and held other town offices.[‡]

David Ashley was a soldier in the Revolution. His name appears on the roll of Capt. Reuben Munn's company, Col. Nicholas Dike's regiment, dated at Roxbury, Mass., September 17, 1776.[§] On September 18, 1777, he was commissioned Second-Lieutenant of the 14th Company (Capt. John Morgan), 3d Hampshire County Regiment (Col. John Moseley) in the Massachusetts militia.^{||} Three days later he enlisted as lieutenant in Capt. Levi Ely's company in the same regiment, and served in an "expedition to the northward."^{**}

David Ashley and his wife lie buried in Ashleyville cemetery. Their gravestones, made of heavy brown stone and ornamented with carvings of old-fashioned angels' heads, bear the following inscriptions:

* Born in West Springfield, except the second and third, who were born in Worthington, Mass.

† By gravestone, 7 Mar. 1810, aged 64, by W. Spring. T₂ Rec.

‡ Administration was granted on his estate 1 Feb. 1814 to his son Solomon. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. F₂, p. 175.]

§ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 21, p. 107.

|| Ditto, vol. 28, pp. 17, 43.

** Ditto, vol. 18, p. 257; vol. 19, p. 1.

In Memory of
Lieu^t, DAVID ASHLEY.
who died
28^t, March 1813
Æt: 78.

The grave is
now my home.
But soon I
hope to rise.
Mortals behold
your doom:
And keep death
before your eyes.

In Memory of
Mrs. MERIBAH ASHLEY.
consort of
L^t, David Ashley.
who died
7th, Febr, 1810
Æt. 65.

Of future time
dare not to boast,
If thou delay,
thy soul is lost.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- 351. i. DAVID, b. 15 May 1769.
- 352. ii. SOLOMON, b. 15 June 1770.
- iii. JOSIAH, b. 6 Oct. 1772; d. 6 Jan. 1773.
- 353. iv. NOAH, b. 7 Nov. 1775.*
- v. EUNICE, b. ——— 1777; m. 13 Dec. 1802. Eli Ashley (71) of Westfield, Mass.
- 354. vi. JUSTIN, b. ——— 1780.
- vii. LUCRETIA, b. 1 May 1782; m. 28 June 1810, Genubath Bliss of West Springfield.
- 355. viii. ENOCH, b. 29 Sept. 1784.
- 356. ix. AARON, b. 19 Apr. 1786.

345. Lient. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 14 November 1737 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 19 January 1828 in West Springfield; published intention of marriage 14 January 1769 in West Springfield with RUTH WELLER, daughter of David and Hannah (Root) Weller, born 31 July 1745 in Westfield, Mass.; died 3 July 1819 in West Springfield.

Benjamin Ashley settled in Ashleyville in West Springfield. When a young man, he is said to have served in the French and Indian War. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and his name appears in the list of officers in the Massachusetts militia. He was chosen April 26, 1776, First-Lieutenant of the 8th Com-

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 1774 by fam. rec.

pany (Capt. Joseph Morgan), 3d Hampshire County Regiment (Col. John Moseley).^{*} He enlisted October 21, 1776, and marched to reënforce the northern army commanded by Lieut.-Col. Timothy Robinson of Granville, being discharged November 17, 1776.[†] He was also lieutenant of the same company when it took part in the "expedition to the northern department," September 21 to October 17, 1777.^{*}

Benjamin Ashley was an energetic and enterprising man. He conducted a large farm, and was interested in other business. In connection with Samuel Ely he owned the sloop *Hampshire* of 90 tons, which was built at the ship-yard at the east end of the common and sailed down the Connecticut about the year 1800.[§] He was elected a selectman of West Springfield in 1800 and 1801.^{||} In 1803 he united with the First Congregational Church, of which his wife had been a member since 1776.

The marble gravestones of Benjamin Ashley and his wife in Ashleyville cemetery bear the following inscriptions :

In Memory of
Lieut.
BENJAMIN ASHLEY
who died
Jan. 19, 1828,
Aged 90 Years.

In memory of
MRS. RUTH ASHLEY,
wife of
Lt. BENJAMIN ASHLEY,
who died
July 3, 1819,
Aged 74 years.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. RUTH, b. 18 Dec. 1769 ; d. 17 July 1848 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- ii. MERCY, b. 26 Oct. 1771 ; d. 9 Sept. 1775.
- iii. HANNAH, b. 13 June 1733 ; d. 28 Aug. 1775.
357. iv. BENJAMIN, b. 20 June 1775.
358. v. ELIJAH, b. 19 Apr. 1777.

^{*} Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 43, p. 201.

[†] Ditto, vol 21, p. 78.

[‡] Ditto, p. 67.

[§] " West Springfield Centennial."

^{||} His will, dated June 1821, proved Mar. 1823, mentions his children, Benjamin (executor), Elijah, Ruth Ashley, Mercy Farnam and Hannah Champion. [Hampden Prob. Rec., vol. 8, p. 450.]

- vi. MERCY, b. 9 June 1779 ; m. 3 Jan. 1798, Jesse Farnham of West Springfield.
- vii. HANNAH, b. 2 July 1782 ; m. 18 June 1806, Hervey Champion of West Springfield.
- viii. DANIEL, b. 12 May 1788 ; d. 21* June 1803.

346. JOHN ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*†), born 20 June 1740 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 17 July 1824 in West Springfield; married 10 May 1770 in ? West Springfield, ELIZABETH FREELAND, who died 28 May 1815 in West Springfield, aged 68 years.

John Ashley settled in Ashleyville in West Springfield and was a farmer by occupation. He built a house on the hill just west of the river road, on the road turning to the left a short distance north of the cemetery. Later he built a house for his nephew David Ashley, whom he had adopted, next east of his own, and after his uncle's death David went to live in his house. Both houses are still standing and attract much attention.*

"The houses are pleasantly located on a rise of ground overlooking the Connecticut River and surrounding country. The John Ashley house,* which might well be the envy of the city dweller, is reputed to be one of the oldest houses in town, having been erected over one hundred years ago. It is built in a substantial manner, is well preserved, and presents an appearance of comfort and stability such as belongs especially to the houses standing on the fine old farms in New England, and which seem to connect the modern with the times of our worthy forefathers."[§]

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 22 by his gravestone, which recites that "in consequence of a violent casualty, [he] expired in bitter anguish of body, but sweet consolation of mind."

"Read this my friends || (with melting eyes),
And call to mind || my last advice.
Truth which I spake || with faltering tongue,
My grave proclaims || in accents strong."

† They are now owned by Mrs. Eliza J. (Ashley) Nichols (No. 128. vii).

‡ A photograph of it faces page 183.

§ J. N. Bagg, Esq., in "Biographical Review of Hampden County."



CHURCH ON MEETING HOUSE HILL.
WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

John Ashley served in the Revolution, and his name is on the roll of Capt. Reuben Munn's company, Col. Nicholas Dike's regiment, dated at Roxbury, September 17, 1776,* and at Boston, November 26, 1776.† He was in Capt. Levi Ely's company, Col. John Moseley's regiment (the 3d Hampshire), from September 21 to October 1, 1777, and served "at the northward."‡

Mr. Ashley was a public-spirited man. He gave the town land for a burial place for the accommodation of the north parish in 1787, and in 1789 he gave the parish a small library. In 1792 he gave \$174 to constitute a fund for the support of the communion table of the church. In 1799 he offered \$1300 as a fund for the support of the ministry, on condition that the parish would erect a spacious meeting-house on a spot designated by him, about half a mile from the place where the old meeting-house stood. On January 6, 1800, they voted their thankful acceptance of the donation, and thus witnessed the termination of a long and violent contest, which had threatened the dissolution of the society. In 1819 Mr. Ashley gave \$22 to purchase a bible for the use of the pulpit. Considering the times, the gifts of Mr. Ashley were very liberal.§

He and his wife had united with the First Congregational Church in 1772, and he was urged repeatedly to become one of its deacons, but he always declined to accept the office. He was usually to be found at town meetings, and acted as moderator in 1793.¶

He and his wife were buried in Ashleyville, in the cemetery which he had given to the town. Their gravestones are inscribed :

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 21, p. 107.

† Ditto, p. 89.

‡ Ditto, vol. 19, p. 1; vol. 18, p. 257.

§ "West Springfield Centennial."

¶ His will, dated 18 Dec. 1818, proved 1 Sept. 1824, states that he had "adopted his nephew David Ashley as his own son," and mentions Moses, Elisha and Polly (children of his brother Moses, deceased), David, Solomon, Noah, Enoch, Aaron, Eunice and Lucretia (children of his brother David, deceased), and Francis son of their brother Justin, deceased. He left a trust fund "to be divided into two distinct parts; two-thirds to be appropriated exclusively towards the education of youth within the town of West Springfield, and the other remaining one-third to be appropriated towards the propagation and diffusion of Christian knowledge."

To the
Memory of
Mr. John Ashley
who died July 17th, 1824,
Æt. 84 years.
He was distinguished
by publick spirit and
active benevolence.

In Memory of
Mrs. Elizabeth Ashley
(the wife of
Mr. John Ashley),
who, after a long & distress-
ing sickness, borne with
exemplary patience, closed
this mortal life, in calm
hope of a better,
May 28, 1815,
Æt. 68.

NO CHILDREN.

347. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴), born 18 September 1756 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 19 November 1823 in West Springfield; married 28 May 1789 in West Springfield, CATHERINE DAY, daughter of Ezekiel and Catherine (Gaylord) Day, and sister of the wife of Moses Ashley (349), born 19 October 1765 in West Springfield; died 3 September 1838 in West Springfield.

Joseph Ashley settled on the Ashley land owned by his father in Riverdale in West Springfield, his house being on the west side of the road. He was a farmer.

His name is on the "list of men to reenforce the Continental Army for the term of six months," "age 24 years, height 5 ft. 4 in.," August 4, 1780.* He served under Brig.-Gen. John Paterson at Peekskill, Fishkill, Totoway and West Point, being discharged at the latter place December 15, 1780.† He was also in the 2d Company of Col. Gideon Burt's Hampshire County Regiment, which marched to retake Samuel Ely, who had been rescued from Springfield jail, and to oppose the rioters at Northampton, June 12 to 16, 1782.‡

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. SOPHIA, b. 24 July 1789; m. 25 Dec. 1810, Abraham Bagg of West Springfield.

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 35, p. 215.

† Ditto, vol. 25, p. 236; vol. 2, p. 246; vol. 42, p. 129; and "Life of Major-General John Paterson."

‡ Ditto, vol. 34, p. 143.

- ii. ORRA, b. 19 Jan. 1791 ; " who by the bite of a mad dog expired in horrible agonies," 27 Nov. 1797.*
- 359. iii. RODERICK, b. 17 Apr. 1792.
- iv. CATHERINE, b. 1 Aug. 1795 ; m. 31 Oct. 1821, Jeremiah Burgess of West Springfield.
- 360. v. JOSEPH, b. 18 July 1797.
- 361. vi. NORMAN, b. 25 June 1799.
- vii. ORRA, b. 25 Jan. 1801 ; m. 1823, Charles Miller of Fort Ann, N. Y.
- viii. JULIA, b. 14 May 1802 ; d. 20 Aug. 1891 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- ix. FANNY, b. 18 Dec. 1804 ; m. 16 May 1844, Marvin S. Phetteplace of Springfield, Mass.
- 362. x. EBENEZER, b. 3 Sept. 1806.
- 363. xi. SILAS SMITH, b. 31 Mar. 1808.

348. EBENEZER ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 31 July 1762 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died — 18— in West Springfield ; married POLLY —, who died 13 March 1814 in West Springfield, aged 44 years.

Ebenezer Ashley was a farmer in West Springfield. His wife united with the church in 1799.

NO CHILDREN.

349. Capt. MOSES ASHLEY (*Moses*³⁴³, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 23 February 1766 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 30 May 1841 in West Springfield ; married, 1st, 23 May 1793 in West Springfield, SARAH ROGERS, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Miller) Rogers, and sister of the wife of his cousin Solomon Ashley (352), born 7 October 1760 in West Springfield ; died 20 July 1798 in West Springfield. He married, 2d, 28 January 1799 in West Springfield, SUBMIT DAY, daughter of Ezekiel and Catherine (Gaylord) Day, and sister of the wife of Joseph Ashley (347), born 25 November 1763 in West Springfield ; died 19 August 1848 in West Springfield.

Moses Ashley was born on his father's farm near Ashley Pond, now in the limits of the city of Holyoke, Mass. When a young man, he was adopted by his uncle Aaron Ashley, and came to live with him on his farm near the Connecticut River,

* Gravestone in West Springfield Center cemetery.

in Ashleyville in West Springfield. At his uncle's death he inherited his farm and lived there the rest of his life.

He was an enterprising and prosperous farmer, a prominent man in the town, and captain of its militia company. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1816, his first wife in 1795, and his second wife in 1815.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

By first wife :

- i. JERUSHA,* b. 6 July 1794 ; m. 12 Oct. 1819, Nathan Smith of Hebron, Conn.
364. ii. MOSES, b. 18 June 1797.

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD : †

- iii. CHARLOTTE, b. 10 July 1799 ; m. Aaron Ashley (356) of West Springfield.

350. ELISHA ASHLEY (*Moses*³⁴³, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*), born 6 November 1768 in Worthington, Mass. ; died 17 May 1849 in West Springfield, Mass. ; ‡ published intention of marriage 27 August 1791 in West Springfield with JOANNAH CLARK of West Springfield, born 17 November 1760 in Saybrook, Conn. ; died 12 December 1840 in West Springfield.

Elisha Ashley inherited his father's homestead near Ashley Pond, in Ireland Parish, West Springfield, and became one of the leading citizens of that section of the town. He carried on farming on a tract of land the greater part of which is now included in the city of Holyoke.

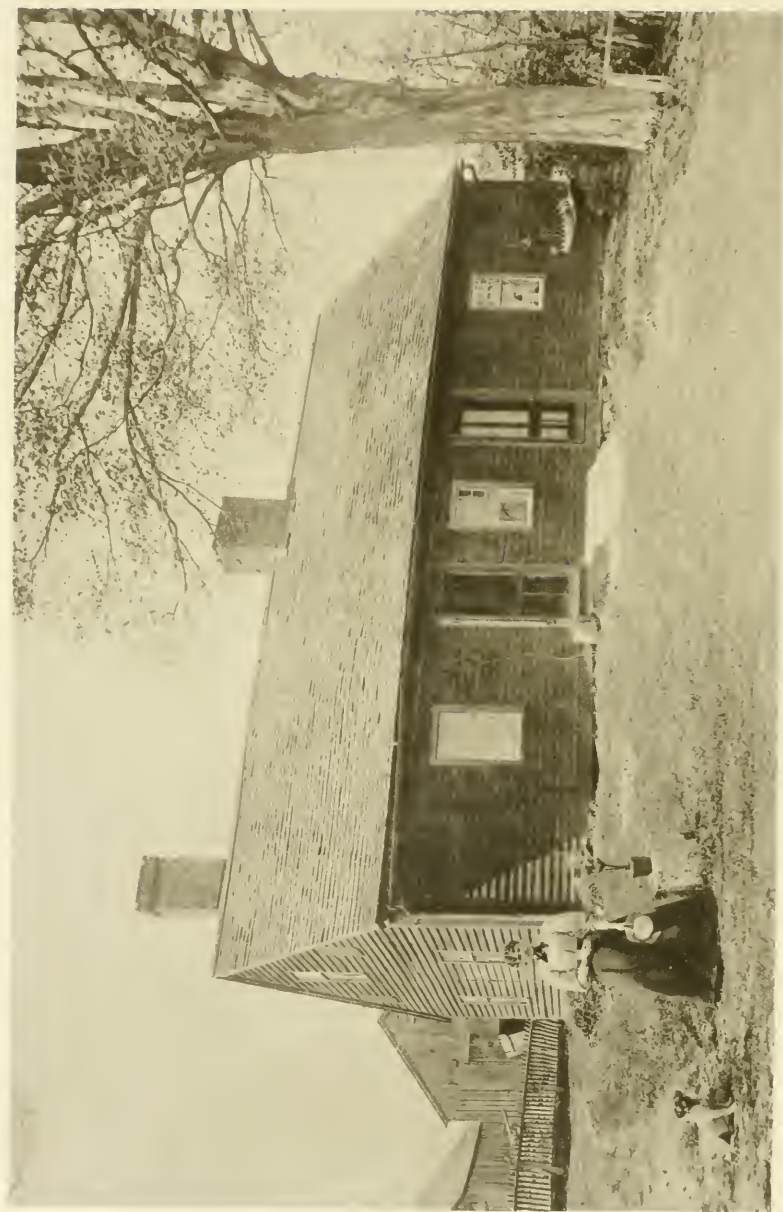
CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. SARAH, b. 10 Nov. 1791 ; m. 21 June 1810, Charles Ball of West Springfield.
- ii. HOPE, b. 28 June 1793 ; d. 23 Nov. 1794.
- iii. HOPE, b. 4 May 1795 ; m. Ebenezer D. Alvord of West Springfield.
- iv. DEBORAH, b. 28 July 1797 ; m. 14 Feb. 1822, Sylvester Munger of South Hadley, Mass.

* She is given a middle name, *Rogers*, in the town record, but her son, Mr. Samuel Smith of West Springfield, says she had none.

† By MARY ASHLEY (341, v).

‡ Correcting "N.-E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg.," vol. 36, p. 59, which gives his name *Elijah*.



DAVID ASHLEY HOUSE, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

365. v. JOHN, b. 29 Sept. 1799.

vi. HIRAM, b. 8 Dec. 1801; d. 22* Mar. 1823 in West Springfield, unmarried.

351. DAVID ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 15 May 1769 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 21 May 1827 in West Springfield; married 2 February 1792 in West Springfield, EUNICE BREWER, daughter of Solomon and Martha (Smith) Brewer, born 21 December 1772 in West Springfield; died 4 October 1857 in West Springfield.

David Ashley was adopted by his uncle John Ashley and lived next him in Ashleyville in West Springfield, in a house which his uncle built for him next east of his own. At his uncle's death he inherited his farm, and at his own death left it to his nephew William Ashley (128). He was a prosperous farmer. His wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1815.

NO CHILDREN.

352. SOLOMON ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 15 June 1770 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 24 April 1822 in West Springfield; married 26[†] December 1793 in West Springfield, CAROLINE ROGERS, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Miller) Rogers, and sister of the first wife of his cousin Moses Ashley (349), born 20 April 1769 in West Springfield; died 24 February 1864 in West Springfield.

Solomon Ashley settled in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He was a farmer and lived on the road turning west from the river road a short distance south of the Ireland Parish line. He and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1799.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. HARRIOT, b. 3 Sept. 1794; d. 26 May 1796.
- ii. CAROLINE, b. 13 Sept. 1797; m. Moses Ashley (364).
- iii. HARRIOT, b. 13 Oct. 1799; m. William Smith Bowe of Agawam, Mass.
- iv. LUCINDA, b. 25 Feb. 1802; m. Moses Phelps of East Longmeadow, Mass.

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 21 by fam. rec.

† Ditto, 20 by fam. rec.

- v. JULIA, b. 30 Sept. 1804 ; m. 26 Nov. 1829, Levi Cooper of West Springfield.
- vi. LUCRETIA, b. 9 May 1807 ; m. 5 July 1841, Frederick Jedediah Strong of Brighton, Ohio.
- 366. vii. SOLOMON, b. 9 Nov. 1809.
- viii. MERIBAH, b. 8 Mar. 1812 ; m. 10 Mar. 1847, Theodore Briggs Rogers of West Springfield, Mass., and Wethersfield, Conn.

353. NOAH ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 7 November 1775* in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 31 July 1853 in West Springfield ; married, 1st, 2 September 1802 in Enfield, Conn., ABIGAIL PEASE,[†] daughter of Isaac and Dorcas (Pease) Pease, born 22 April 1781 in Enfield ; died 8 August 1813 in West Springfield. He married, 2d, 13 April 1814 in West Springfield, SALLY DOANE, daughter of James and Martha (——) Doane, born 6 June 1784 in West Springfield ; died 15 May 1867 in West Springfield.

Noah Ashley was a farmer and lived all his life in his native place, Ashleyville in West Springfield. He lived on the river road about a quarter of a mile south of the Holyoke line.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife :

- i. LYDIA, b. 30 May 1804 ; m. 13 Apr. 1824, Richard Orchard of Springfield.
- ii. MIRANDA, b. 29 July 1806 ; m. James Hathaway of ——, Ohio.
- 367. iii. NOAH PEASE, b. 26 Mar. 1808.
- 368. iv. SETH, b. 11 July 1811.

By second wife :

- v. ABIGAIL PEASE, b. 19 Nov. 1814 ; m. Zedekiah Smith of Springfield.
- vi. SOPHRONIA, b. 8 Jan. 1816 ; m. 1840, William Mather of Northampton, Mass.
- 369. vii. SYLVESTER, b. 14 Feb. 1817.
- viii. PAMELIA, b. 5 Apr. 1818 ; m. 24 July 1856, Theodore H. Hendrick of Easthampton, Mass.
- 370. ix. MARTIN, b. 10 Dec. 1819.
- x. JANE, b. 25 Mar. 1821 ; m., 1st, Frank Bishop of Chicopee and Northfield, Mass. ; 2d, Warren Britt of Northfield.
- 371. xi. CHAUNCEY, b. 25 Apr. 1822.

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 1774 by his bible.

† United with the First Church in 1808.

xii. HIRAM, b. 4 Dec. 1824; d. 14 Dec. 1826.

xiii. ENOCH, b. 27 Feb. 1827; was a milk dealer in Holyoke for over twenty years; removed to Westville, N. Y.; married twice and has a family.*

354. JUSTIN ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born ——— 1780 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 8 April 1815 in West Springfield; married 31 December 1806 in Westfield, Mass., RHODA NOBLE, daughter of Paul and Hannah (Weller) Noble, born 10 May 1778 in Westfield; died 9 January 1857 in West Springfield.

Justin Ashley settled in his native place, Ashleyville in West Springfield. He was a farmer and lived next his brother Enoch on a farm just south of Riley's brook, near the Ireland Parish line.†

A handsome brown stone marks his grave in Ashleyville cemetery. It is inscribed:

In Memory of
Mr. JUSTIN ASHLEY
who died
April 8th 1815
aged 35 Years.

A coffin shroud & grave
my earthy store.
Tis all I want
& kings can have no more.

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

372. i. FRANCIS, b. 7 Nov. 1807.

355. ENOCH ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 29 September 1784 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 13 March 1827 in West Springfield; married 29 November 1810* in West Springfield, SIBYL CHAPIN, daughter of Elisha and

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

† Administration was granted on his estate 24 Apr. 1815 to his widow Rhoda. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. F2, p. 399.] She united with the First Church in 1818. Her will, dated 7 Nov. 1842, proved in Apr. 1857, mentions "Justin son of my son Francis deceased." [Ditto, vol. 24, p. 424.]

‡ By fam. rec., correcting 28 Nov. 1811 by W. Spring. T. Rec. Administration was granted on his estate 1 Apr. 1827 to his widow Sibyl. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. D., p. 206.] She was chosen guardian by her eldest child and appointed guardian of the three others 1 May 1827.] Ditto, vol. N, p. 210.

Eunice (Jones) Chapin, born 28 August 1781 in West Springfield; died 6 October 1862 in West Springfield.

Enoch Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield. His farm was next to that of his brother Justin and near the Ireland Parish line. He and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1818.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. SIBYL, b. 2* Oct. 1811; m. 15 Mar. 1831, Elijah Ely Rogers of West Springfield.
- ii. ELIZA, b. 1† Apr. 1814; m. 8 May 1836,‡ Eber Stebbins of Springfield, Mass.
- 373. iii. DAVID, b. 27 May 1816.
- iv. ADELINE, b. 23 Oct. 1818; m. 20 Aug. 1840, Frederick A. L. Adams of Springfield.

356. AARON ASHLEY (*David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴¹), born 19 April 1786 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 11^s February 1867 in West Springfield; married, 1st, 7 November 1811 in West Springfield, ALMIRA⁸ SMITH, daughter of Simeon and Mary (—) Smith, born 28 December 1786 in West Springfield; died 13 September 1834 in West Springfield. He married, 2d, CHARLOTTE ASHLEY, daughter of Capt. Moses Ashley (349) and Mary Ashley (341, v.), born 10 July 1799 in West Springfield; died 6 September 1869 in Springfield.

Aaron Ashley passed his life in Ashleyville in West Springfield, where he owned an excellent farm. His old house was burned, but he built one of brick in its place which is still standing on the river road. He was the most conspicuous Ashley of his time in the town, and was a public-spirited citizen. He was an active member of the Hampden County Agricultural Society and assisted in the laying out of Hampden Park, setting out a number of the trees in it with his own hands. He figured prominently in town affairs, and was moderator in 1857 and 1858. "Industry, local enterprise, devotion

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 11 by fam. rec.

+ Ditto, 4 by fam. rec.

‡ By Enfield, Conn., T. Rec.

§ By W. Spring. T. Rec., 23 by gravestone.

¶ Wrongly given *Lemira* in W. Spring. T. Rec.

to family and friends, and strict integrity were his characteristics. He was always interested in the cultivation of good society, in the spread of religious principles, and in the education of the young.* He and his wives were members of the First Congregational Church.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. EDMUND, b. ——— 1813; was a farmer, and d. 28 Feb. 1862 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- ii. JENNETTE SOPHIA, b. ——— 182-; m. 9 June 1847, Albert A. Hudson of Syracuse, N. Y.
374. iii. CHARLES AARON, b. ——— 1829.

357. Capt. BENJAMIN ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁵, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*), born 20 June 1775 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 9 November 1856 in West Springfield; married 28 January 1802 in West Springfield, SARAH WHITE, daughter of Lieut. Horace and Mercy (Cooley) White, born 24 March 1779 in West Springfield; died 29⁺ November 1855 in West Springfield.

Benjamin Ashley settled on his father's land in West Springfield. He conducted a large farm, and kept a large number of stock and several hundred sheep. He also owned a sawmill at "Bear Hole" in the western part of the town. He and his son Daniel operated the ferry between West Springfield and Chicopee, and on that account opposed the building of the bridge over the Connecticut between those places. He was a man of wonderful energy, and, in addition to his other business, traveled around the country in search of churches, houses and other movable buildings. He thoroughly enjoyed superintending a job, and would work as laboriously for nothing as for pay. While urging on the work of moving a building one day, one of his men, becoming exasperated at his energy, exclaimed, "Captain Ben, it would take more cloth to make you a jacket than the Almighty an overcoat." One year when

* His will, dated 22 Mar. 1862, mentions his wife Charlotte and children Charles and Jennett. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 27, p. 302.]

⁺ By gravestone in Ashleyville cemetery, 3 Dec. by W. Spring. T. Rec., and 24 by "White Genealogy."

he had bought a barrel of rum to serve out to the men whom he had hired to shear his sheep, finding it not up to required standard, he turned to his son Daniel and said, "Take back this rum to Deacon Ely, and tell him it isn't good enough for sheep-shearing time." Mr. Ashley invested in the stock of the paper mills in Holyoke, and died a rich man.* He and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1816.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- 375. i. DANIEL, b. 6 Jan. 1804.
- ii. EDWIN, b. 26 Nov. 1807; d. 13 Nov. 1808.
- iii. EDWIN, b. 1 June 1811; d. 27 Feb. 1871 in West Springfield, unmarried.

358. ELIJAH ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁴⁵, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 19 April 1777 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 29⁺ October 1859 in West Springfield; married 14 November 1811 in West Springfield, LOVICA CHAMPION, daughter of Reuben and Silence (Ely) Champion, born 22 September 1786 in West Springfield; died 26 November 1848 in West Springfield.

Elijah Ashley inherited from his father a handsome landed property, and a number of fine horses and cattle in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He settled there, and had become a bachelor of thirty-four before he thought of marriage. He came with a coach and four to claim his bride at the Champion homestead in Amostown. The horses were magnificent black ones, and this bridal equipage, with its luxurious fittings, and yellow wheels and body, created a great stir in the town. It was called a chariot and was entered at the rear.

He removed in middle life to Tatham, another hamlet in West Springfield. When the Boston and Albany Railroad was staked out across his farm there, he did all he could to oppose its construction. The letters he wrote to the newspapers on this subject were bright and fearless, and indicate that he thoroughly enjoyed litigation. It is said that he tried

* His will, dated 24 Mar. 1847, proved in Feb. 1857, mentions his wife Sally and his children, Daniel and Edwin. [Hampden Prob. Co. Rec., vol. 24, p. 368.]

† By fam. rec., 9 by gravestone in Meeting-house Hill cemetery, and 24 Oct. 1858 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

to stop the first train over the road by leading a yoke of oxen upon the track. He at one time owned "Bear Hole," now a summer resort in West Springfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ROBERT CHAMPION, b. 17 Apr. 1814; lived in the homestead at Tatham until his age compelled him to give up farming. He sold the farm and went to live at the home of his aunt Mrs. David Moseley in Westfield, Mass., where he d. 15 June 1883*, unmarried. Possessed of a good memory, and with a mind stored with historical facts and anecdotes, he would entertain his relatives and friends for hours with his bright thoughts and ideas.
- ii. HENRIETTA, b. 19 Oct. 1816; d. 25† July 1892 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- iii. HARRIOT, b. 18 Apr. 1818; d. 18 Dec. 1825.

359. RODERICK ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 17 April 1792 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 4 July 1878 in Springfield, Mass.; married 14 January 1825 in Enfield, Conn., MARY BANNISTER, daughter of Truman and Mary (Chandler) Bannister, born 30 August 1799 in Springfield; died 31 July 1872 in Springfield.

Roderick Ashley in the spring of 1817, when a young man of twenty-four, engaged himself to go and work for one year for Heman Ely in "township No. 6, range 17, in the Western Reserve in Ohio."‡ He was employed in chopping trees and otherwise clearing the land, and received two hundred dollars for his year's work. On his return home he engaged in the boating business between Springfield and Hartford, being a member of the John Cooley & Co. Transportation Company, and continued in that line of business over twenty years. In 1849 he formed a partnership with Capt. Edmund Palmer under the firm name of Edmund Palmer & Co., later Palmer & Ashley, and for some years they were engaged in the coal business. He accumulated a large property. He was a man of strict integrity and a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Ashley was a member of the Common Council in 1854

* By West. T. Rec. and gravestone, correcting 1884 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

† By W. Spring. T. Rec. and fam. rec., correcting 24 by gravestone.

‡ Mr. Ely named the town Elyria.

from Ward 2 ; an assessor of Springfield from 1853 to 1859 ; a director in the Agawam Bank from 1857 to 1868 ; and a director in the Springfield Mutual Fire Assurance Co. from 1865 to 1872. He was admitted a member of the First Congregational Church January 5, 1873.

CHILD BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. GEORGE CHANDLER, b. 15 Aug. 1831 ; d. 26 Aug. 1851 in Springfield, unmarried.

Two other children died in infancy.

360. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*), born 18 July 1797 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 27 December 1870 in West Springfield ; married, 1st, 29 April 1824 in West Springfield, ACHSAH COLTON, daughter of Chauncey and Sibyl (Taylor) Colton, born 1 March 1802 in West Springfield ; died 5 November 1834 in West Springfield. He married, 2d, 23 October 1835 in West Springfield, ELIZABETH BLISS SMITH, daughter of William and Huldah (Smith) Smith, born 12 November 1807 in West Springfield ; died 25 March 1885 in West Springfield.

Joseph Ashley settled in his native town. His farm lay on the east side of the river road in that part of West Springfield known as Riverdale. His son Herbert now owns and occupies it. He was also engaged in the meat business. He and his first wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1822, and his second wife in 1829.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

By first wife :

- i. CHAUNCEY COLTON, b. 1 Jan. 1827 ; left home about 1855, and has not been heard of since.
376. ii. JOSEPH LEONARD, b. 26 Oct. 1829.
- iii. ACHSAH COLTON, b. 13 Aug. 1831 ; m. 28 May 1856, Mahlon Loomis, M. D., and resides in Washington, D. C.

By second wife :

- iv. ELIZABETH SMITH, b. 4 June 1837 ; resides in Springfield, Mass., unmarried.
- v. WILLIAM ARTHUR, b. 24 May 1839 ; enlisted as a private in Company I, Tenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and was mustered June 21, 1861. He was promoted Second-Lieuten-

ant Sept. 8, 1862, and First-Lieutenant Nov. 3, 1862. In the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, he was shot through the head and expired instantly. He was a brave soldier and his name is on the honor roll on the soldiers' monument in West Springfield. He was unmarried.

- vi. ANNA SOPHIA, b. 10 Oct. 1840 ; m. 16 Oct. 1862, Homer Ely and resides in Boston, Mass.
- vii. HERBERT NORMAN,* b. 31 Aug. 1842 ; is a farmer in West Springfield ; married twice and has a family.†
- viii. ALICE LOUISE, b. 22 Nov. 1845 ; resides in Boston, unmarried.
- ix. ELLEN FRANCES, b. 20 Sept. 1847 ; m. 5 Dec. 1865 Sidney B. Kemp of Holyoke, Mass., and resides in Springfield.
- x. RODERICK DAY, b. 16 Sept. 1849 ; d. 15‡ Aug. 1884 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- xi. JULIA EMMA, b. 29 Oct. 1854 ; is a clerk in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. She is unmarried.

361. NORMAN ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 25 June 1799 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 13 December 1840 in West Springfield ; married 25 December 1827 in West Springfield, MARY DAY, daughter of Noble and Mary (Dewey) Day, born 4 August 1805 in Russell, Mass. ; died 23§ May 1888 in West Springfield.

Norman Ashley was a farmer and machinist, and lived in Mittineague in West Springfield. He was a noted fifer.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. HENRY B., b. about 1830 ; enlisted July 19, 1862, in the Tenth Massachusetts Volunteers, and was discharged July 1, 1864. He was a butcher and lived in Mittineague in West Springfield, where he d. 11 Nov. 1880, aged 50, leaving a family.||
- ii. CHARLOTTE E., b — Sept. 1838 ; d. 12 Apr. 1876 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- iii. FANNIE, b. ——— ; m. Joseph E. Clark of West Springfield, and resides in East Mandarin, Fla.||

362. EBENEZER ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 3 September 1806 in West Spring-

* Recorded *Norman Herbert*.

† Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

‡ By gravestone and Hampden Prob. Rec., 16 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

§ By gravestone, 25 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

|| Who failed to answer the compiler's letters. Some account of them is to be found in W. Spring. T. Rec.

field, Mass.; killed by the cars 27 May 1874 in West Springfield; married about 1833 in ? West Springfield, JULIA PALMER, daughter of Edmund and Anna (——) Palmer, born 21 June 1791 in West Springfield; died 16 November 1875 in West Springfield.

Ebenezer Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He was struck by the cars while walking down the track from Mittineague, and lived only a short time. His wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1824.

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MARY F., b. 28 Oct. 1834; m. William C. Hatch* of West Springfield.

363. SILAS SMITH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 31 March 1808 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 22⁺ July 1885 in Westfield, Mass.; published intention of marriage, 1st, 22 April 1837 in Springfield, Mass., with LAURA BRIGGS, who died 11 June 1843 in West Springfield, aged 34 years. He married, 2d, 16 July 1846 in Springfield, Mrs. JUDITH MARIA (CROSS) RODLIFF, widow of Albert Rodliff of Lowell, Mass., and daughter of Abraham and Ruth (Sawyer) Cross, born 14 September 1811 in Northampton, Mass.;[‡] died 8 December 1850 in West Springfield. He married, 3d, 16 July 1856 in Beloit, Wis., MARY ANN MORSE, daughter of John Hill and Elizabeth (Lamb) Morse, born 20 January 1825 in Shelburne Falls, Mass.; resides in Westfield.

Silas Smith Ashley was a carpenter by trade. He lived in West Springfield and Westfield, Mass.[§]

CHILDREN:

By first wife:

- i. ALBERT B., b. about 1840; resides in Brattleboro, Vt.*

By second wife:

- ii. CLARA E., b. about 1849; m. —— Gilbert of Boston, Mass.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

† By his gravestone, fam. rec. and Hampden Prob. Rec., 21 by West T. Rec.

‡ By death certificate.

§ His family failed to furnish any particulars of his life.

By third wife :

- iii. GEORGE MARVIN, b. 16 Aug. 1859 : is a cigar manufacturer in Westfield, Mass. He is unmarried.
- iv. IDA C., b. 28 Mar. 1861.
- 377. v. JOHN HILL, b. 16 May 1863.

364. MOSES ASHLEY (*Moses*³⁴⁹, *Moses*³⁴³, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴¹), born 18 June 1797 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 6 December* 1858 in West Springfield ; married 6 December 1821 in West Springfield, CAROLINE ASHLEY, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Rogers) Ashley (352), born 13 September 1797 in West Springfield ; died 23[†] September 1857 in West Springfield.

Moses Ashley was an enterprising farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield, and occupied the old homestead. He was captain of the town's militia company. He was a respected citizen, and remembered several charities in his will. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1839.

NO CHILDREN.

365. JOHN ASHLEY (*Elisha*³⁵⁰, *Moses*³⁴³, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴¹), born 29 September 1799 in West Springfield (now Holyoke), Mass. ; died 9 August 1863 in Holyoke ; married 14 March 1822 in Holyoke, MARY EDWARDS, daughter of John and Mary (Barrell) Edwards, born 10 October 1802 in Northampton, Mass. ; died 18 April 1879 in Springfield, Mass.

John Ashley inherited his grandfather's homestead, near Ashley Pond in Ireland Parish (now Holyoke) in West Springfield. He was born, lived, and died there. He was a farmer and carried on his farming operations with a great deal of energy. He was quiet in his manner of living, and was generous to the poor.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD (HOLYOKE), MASS. :

- i. JULIAETTE, b. 11 May 1823 ; d. 15 Aug. 1878 in Springfield, Mass., unmarried.
- ii. MARY CORINTH, b. 23 Oct. 1824 ; m. 29 Dec. 1847, Albert Colton of Springfield.

* By gravestone, Nov. by W. Spring. T. Rec.

† By gravestone, 13 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

- iii. CLIMENA, b. 15 Oct. 1827; m. 2 Mar. 1856, Harvey Day Bagg and resides in West Springfield.
- iv. LAURA, b. 1 May 1829; m. 23 Sept. 1851, Timothy Cornish Allyn of New York City and resides in Springfield.
- 378. v. ELISHA, b. 18 July 1831.
- vi. ELLEN LOUISE, b. 13 June 1834; m. 11 June 1872, Franklin Bagg and resides in Springfield.
- vii. HIRAM JOHN, b. 19 Aug. 1839; is in business in Springfield. He resides in West Springfield and is unmarried.

366. SOLOMON ASHLEY (*Solomon*³⁵², *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 9 November 1809 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 3 July 1859 in West Springfield; married in November 1834 in Westfield, Mass., MIRANDA SEARL*, daughter of John and Esther (Martindale) Searl, born 24 April 1809 in Westfield; died 7 January 1878 in West Springfield.

Solomon Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He lived in the house his father built, and it is now owned and occupied by his daughter. He was a first-class farmer, and a witty, kind-hearted and hospitable man.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- 379. i. LESTER, b. 2 June 1838.
- ii. HARRIET N., b. 5 May 1844; m. 13 May 1862, Horace H. Hubbard and resides in West Springfield.

367. NOAH PEASE ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁵³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 26 March 1808 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 15[†] May 1870 in Springfield, Mass.; married 28 March 1830 in West Springfield, CLARISSA BAGG SACKETT, daughter of Elijah and Cynthia (Sackett) Sackett, born 30 July 1812 in Westfield, Mass.; resides in Stratford, Conn.

Noah Pease Ashley was engaged in farming in his native place until his marriage, when he moved to Springfield, Mass., and went to work for Capt. Carew, who had a tannery on Main Street. After the latter's death, Mr. Ashley remained two years at the tannery, winding up the business, and after that until his death was engaged in farming.

* She united with the First Congregational Church in 1864.

† By W. Spring. T. Rec. and fam. rec., 16 by Hampden Co. Prob. Rec.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- 380. i. JUSTIN, b. 8 Apr. 1832.
- 381. ii. GILBERT, b. 19 Sept. 1837.
- 382. iii. JOSEPH CAREW, b. 25 Mar. 1844.

368. SETH ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁵³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 11 July 1811 in West Springfield, Mass.; died about 1881 in Painesville, Ohio; married about 1835, SARAH CLAPP, daughter of Asabel Clapp, born 14 March 1808 in Northampton, Mass.; died 10 May 1868 in Springfield.

Seth Ashley was a farmer in his native town until a few years before his death, which occurred in Painesville, Ohio, where he was living with his daughter.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ELLEN E., b. ——— 1836; m. 10 July 1854, John Pebbles of Hartford, Conn., and Painesville, Ohio.
- ii. MARGARET, b. ——— 1839; d. 10 Aug. 1839.
- iii. SUSAN I., b. 16 Oct. 1844; d. 16 May 1848.
- iv. MARY A., b. 24 May 1846; d. 22 Sept. 1846.

369. SYLVESTER ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁵³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 14 February 1817 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 16 April 1881 in West Springfield; married 12 August 1847 in Marlboro', Vt., MERCY CYNTHIA HUBBARD, daughter of Nahum and Sylvia (Fisher) Hubbard, born 8 April 1828 in Marlboro'; resides in West Springfield.

Sylvester Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1839.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ELIZA, b. 14 Aug. 1848; resides in Easthampton, Mass., unmarried.
- ii. JANNETTE, b. 31* Mar. 1850; d. 24 Oct. 1894 in West Springfield, unmarried.
- iii. SETH, b. 12 June 1853; d. 2 Apr. 1872.
- iv. CYNTHIA, b. 9 Sept. 1855; d. 8 Oct. 1855.
- v. FANNIE, b. 30 Apr. 1857; d. 5 Jan. 1875.
- vi. LIZZIE, b. 23 Aug. 1859; resides in West Springfield, unmarried.

* By fam. rec., 30 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

- vii. CHARLES SYLVESTER, b. 21 Sept. 1861; is a farmer in West Springfield. He occupied his father's farm until Nov., 1894, then sold it and moved to his present farm near the center. He is unmarried.
- viii. LILY CYNTHIA, b. 7 Nov. 1873; d. 22 Mar. 1876.

370. MARTIN ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁵³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 10 December 1819 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in West Springfield (P. O. Merrick); married, 1st, 24 March 1853 in Chicopee, Mass., DIANA EXPERIENCE (CHAPIN) WOLCOTT, widow of Julius Wolcott of Holyoke, Mass., and daughter of Lieut. Justin and Luranda (Rogers) Chapin, born 14 March 1818 in West Springfield (now Holyoke); died 11 March 1860 in Holyoke. He married, 2d, 25 April 1865 in Springfield, Mass., SARAH GOODRICH (PERKINS) HUBBARD, widow of Henry Hubbard of Springfield, who died in the army, and daughter of Dr. Jacob and Fannie (Clough) Perkins, born 2 February 1829 in Springfield.

Martin Ashley has been engaged in farming all his life. The five years succeeding his first marriage he lived in Holyoke, Mass. After his wife's death he returned to his old home, and after his second marriage settled on a farm next the old cemetery in Merrick in West Springfield, where he has since continued to reside. He was appointed a road commissioner some years ago, but declined the office. He united with the First Congregational Church in West Springfield in 1839.

CHILDREN BORN IN HOLYOKE, MASS.:

By first wife:

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| i. | LOUIS DWIGHT, |) twins, | d. 31 May 1857. |
| ii. | EDWARD MARTIN, | { b. 23 Jan. 1857; d. 29 Jan. 1857. | |

371. CHAUNCEY ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁵³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 25 April 1822 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 25 February 1860 in West Springfield; married 16 November 1846 in East Longmeadow, Mass., EMILY FRANCES HALE, daughter of Silas Burt and Clarissa (Colton) Hale, born 2 March 1828 in East Longmeadow; resides in Springfield, Mass.

Chauncey Ashley was a farmer and lived near the post office in West Springfield. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1839 and his wife in 1855.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. EMILY SOPHRONIA, b. 5. Jan. 1848 ; resides in Springfield, Mass., unmarried.
- 383. ii. GEORGE ALBERT, b. 16 Apr. 1851.
- iii. AMANDA COOLEY, b. 7 Mar. 1853 ; resides in Springfield, unmarried.
- 384. iv. NOAH, b. 14 Nov. 1857.

372. FRANCIS ASHLEY (*Justin*³⁵⁴, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 7 November 1807 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 2* December 1841 in West Springfield; married 3 December 1831 in West Springfield, LYDIA ELY, daughter of Nathan and Anne (Price) Ely, born 27 August 1804 in West Springfield; died 5 September 1879 in West Springfield.

Francis Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He lived in the last house south of the Holyoke line. His wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1824.

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- 385. i. JUSTIN, b. 20 Jan. 1836.

373. DAVID ASHLEY (*Enoch*³⁵⁵, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 27 May 1816 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 17 August 1882 in West Springfield; married 1 August 1841 in Suffield, Conn., LORINDA FIELD, daughter of Elijah and Cynthia (Terry) Field, born 5 February 1822 in Enfield, Conn.; died 17 March 1887 in West Springfield.

David Ashley inherited his father's farm in Ashleyville in West Springfield, and was engaged during his life in its cultivation.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. ADALINE LORINDA, b. 9 June 1842 ; m., 1st, 7 Aug. 1862, Joseph Day of Springfield, Mass.; 2d, 3 July 1872, William Johnson and resides in Putney, Vt.

* By gravestone and W. Spring. T. Rec., 1 by Hampden Co. Prob. Rec.

- ii. CHARLOTTE BAKER, b. 30 Sept. 1844 ; m. 7 Nov. 1861, Chauncey C. Ely and resides in Easthampton, Mass. She has been a successful schoolteacher in Hampden and Hampshire counties for the past twenty-five years.
- iii. CASSANDRA CHAPMAN, b. 25 Dec. 1845 ; m., 1st, 14 Aug. 1862, William K. Ely ; 2d, 6 Jan. 1886, William M. Street and resides in West Springfield.
- iv. BELLE CYNTHIA, b. 11 Nov. 1848 ; resides in Springfield, and is manager and bookkeeper of the Iroquois Bag Company.
- 386. v. LORENZO CHAPIN, b. 31 Mar. 1851.

374. CHARLES AARON ASHLEY (*Aaron*³⁵⁶, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴¹), born 1829 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 17 August 1880 in West Springfield ; married 11 February 1862 in West Springfield, SARAH MARIA ASHLEY, daughter of Daniel and Diadema (Day) Ashley (375), born in June 1841 in West Springfield ; died 7 March 1882 in West Springfield.

Charles Aaron Ashley settled in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He owned a good farm, was an excellent farmer, and died a wealthy man. He and his wife united with the First Congregational Church in 1864.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. MARY ESTELLA, b. 5 Sept. 1863 ; died 24* Mar. 1864.
- ii. EDMUND AARON, b. 17 Feb. 1865 ; † is a bookkeeper in Holyoke, Mass. He is unmarried.
- iii. CHARLES DANIEL, b. 24 Aug. 1868 ; d. 20 Sept. 1869.
- iv. FANNIE MARIA, b. 27 Mar. 1870 ; ‡ m. Louis L. Moore and resides in Holyoke.
- v. JENNETTE HUDSON, b. 2 Dec. 1873 ; d. 8 Apr. 1876.

375. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Benjamin*³⁵⁷, *Benjamin*³⁴⁶, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴¹), born 6 January 1804 in West Springfield, Mass. ; died 14 October 1867 in West Springfield ; married in January 1830 in West Springfield, DIADEMA DAY, daughter of Edmund and Beda (Hitchcock) Day, born 22 March 1806 in West Springfield ; died 27 August 1864 in West Springfield.

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 27 by gravestone.

† By W. Spring. T. Rec., 1866 by Hampden Co. Prob. Rec.

‡ By W. Spring. T. Rec., 1871 by Hampden Co. Prob. Rec.

Daniel Ashley lived in Ashleyville in West Springfield, where he was engaged with his father in farming and other business. He invested largely in the paper stock in Holyoke, and was also at one time interested in a tract of pine lumber on one of the Southern rivers. He was a selectman from 1858 to 1860.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

387. i. BENJAMIN DAY, b. 6 Mar. 1831.
 ii. HORACE W., b. Aug. 1833; d. 9 Apr. 1834.
 iii. FRANCES, b. ——— 1835; m. 19 May 1858, Dexter B. Hitchcock and resides in Holyoke, Mass.
 iv. DANIEL, b. 4 Aug. 1838; d. 20 Oct. 1849.
 v. A son, } twins, d. 20 June 1841.
 vi. SARAH MARIA, { b. June 1841; m. Charles A. Ashley (374).
 vii. HENRY L., resides in Waltham, Mass.*

376. JOSEPH LEONARD ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁶⁰, *Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 26 October 1829 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 25 October 1856 in Shelbyville, Ind.; married in November 1855 in Springfield, Ohio, ANNA CECELIA BORAN, daughter of William C. and Sarah Catherine (Hamilton) Boran, born 28 January 1834 in Hagerstown, Md.; resides with her son in Indianapolis, Ind.

Joseph Leonard Ashley removed to Springfield, Ohio, and was connected with railroads in the West in different capacities for a few years, and died while still a young man.

CHILD BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO:

388. i. CHARLES JOSEPH, b. 27 Feb. 1857.

377. JOHN HILL ASHLEY (*Silas S.*³⁶³, *Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 16 May 1863 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Westfield, Mass.; married 12 August 1891 in Westfield, MARY JOSEPHINE STEIGER, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Furbrandt) Steiger, born 7 May 1868 in Germany.

John Hill Ashley is treasurer of the savings bank in Westfield, Mass.

NO CHILDREN.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

378. ELISHA ASHLEY (*John*³⁶⁵, *Elisha*³⁵⁰, *Moses*³⁴³, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 18* July 1831 in West Springfield (now Holyoke), Mass.; died 3 May 1896 in Holyoke; married 7† December 1859 in Windsor Locks, Conn., ELIZA COIT, daughter of Benjamin and Emily (Miller) Coit, born 26 April 1835 in Worthington, Mass.; resides in Holyoke.

Elisha Ashley was born on his great-grandfather's homestead in Ireland Parish in West Springfield, now within the limits of the city of Holyoke, and settled there after his marriage. At one time 300 acres there, now of much value, was held by the Ashleys. The old homestead was sold soon after his father's death, in the summer of 1863, to the City of Holyoke, and Ashley Pond is now one of the sources of water supply for the city.

Mr. Ashley went to the public schools and worked on the farm, where his earlier years were spent. With the exception of a few years residence in Huntington and Westfield, he had always lived in Holyoke, and for years his home had been on Cherry Street. For eighteen years he had worked as millwright at the Merriek Thread Mill. His death was caused by pneumonia, with heart failure at the end. His wife's mother, Mrs. Emily M. Coit, aged 92, died of the same disease the same day at his house, a most unusual occurrence.

CHILDREN BORN IN HOLYOKE, MASS. :

- i. CORA ESTELLE, b. 30 Oct. 1860; m. 14 Oct. 1890, Charles Wallace Johnson and resides in Holyoke.
- ii. HARLAND COIT, b. 5 July 1862; is foreman of the G. P. Ellison Co. in Holyoke. He is unmarried.

379. LESTER ASHLEY (*Solomon*³⁶⁶, *Solomon*³⁵², *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 2 June 1838 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 1 April 1872 in West Springfield; married 7 January 1862 in Springfield, Mass., OLIVE W. CHIDSEY, daughter of James G. and ? Ruby (Town) Chidsey, born ——— 1844 in Chicopee, Mass. She married, 2d, ——— of Ottawa, Ill.

* By fam. rec., 16 by W. Spring. T. Rec.

† Correcting the "Coit Genealogy."

Lester Ashley was a farmer in Ashleyville in West Springfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. CAROLINE, b. 31 Aug. 1862 ; d. 12 Oct. 1862.
- ii. MABEL EDITH, b. 8 Nov. 1865 ; removed to Ottawa, Ill.

380. JUSTIN ASHLEY (*Noah P.*³⁶⁷, *Noah*³⁶³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 8 April 1832 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Stratford, Conn.; married 16 May 1858 in Westfield, Mass., HARRIET A. DEWEY WELLER, adopted daughter of Winthrop P. Weller of Westfield, and daughter of Timothy and Betsey (Phelps) Dewey, born —— in Westfield.

Justin Ashley is a carpenter and resides in Stratford, Conn.

CHILD BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. GILBERT DEWEY, b. 17 May 1860 ; is employed in New Haven, but resides in Stratford, Conn. He is unmarried.

381. GILBERT ASHLEY (*Noah P.*³⁶⁷, *Noah*³⁶³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 19 September 1837 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Springfield; married 14 November 1861 in West Bloomfield, N. Y., SARAH BARDWELL HAMLIN, daughter of Heman and Mary Loe (Olmsted) Hamlin, b. 7 November 1838 in West Bloomfield.

Gilbert Ashley, after attending the schools of his native city, learned his trade of a sash and blind maker. He was employed at the Wason Car Works until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he entered the U. S. Armory, and worked there until the close of the war. He then returned to his trade for a few years, and then went back to the armory, where he has continued to the present time.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. FLORA BELLE, b. 11 May 1864 ; d. 28 Mar. 1865.
- ii. MARY ARTIE, b. 23 Jan. 1867 ; m. 30 Oct. 1894, Frederick William Havens and resides in Springfield.

382. JOSEPH CAREW ASHLEY (*Noah P.*³⁶⁷, *Noah*³⁶³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 25 March 1844 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Niantic, Conn.; married 20 December

1870 in Brattleboro', Vt., MARAH CHAPIN CLAPP, daughter of Nathan and Sophia (Day) Clapp, born 15 April 1838 in Holyoke, Mass.

Joseph Carew Ashley was employed for a time on the Boston and Albany Railroad. Leaving there, he was engaged in farming for a few years, and is now a carpenter in Niantic, Conn.

NO CHILDREN.

383. GEORGE ALBERT ASHLEY (*Chauncey*³⁷¹, *Noah*³⁸³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 16 April 1851 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in Nashua, N. H.; married 3 January 1881 in Willimantic, Conn., CORA JENNIE TIFFANY, daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Cook) Tiffany, born 10 November 1857 in Millbury, Mass.

George Albert Ashley learned the trade of cabinet-making and followed it until 1873, when he engaged in retail mercantile business. In 1893 he began a wholesale beef and provision commission business in Nashua, N. H., in which he is at present engaged.

CHILDREN :

- i. WALTER TIFFANY, b. 28 Aug. 1882 in Springfield, Mass.
- ii. RUTH EMILY, b. 9 Oct. 1888 in Willimantic, Conn.

384. NOAH ASHLEY (*Chauncey*³⁷¹, *Noah*³⁸³, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 14 November 1857 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in Springfield, Mass.; married 3 October 1888 in Brookline, Mass., AGNES E. ST. JOHN, daughter of John and Mary (Ryan) St. John, born 17 November 1865 in Silver Ridge, Me.

Noah Ashley resides in Springfield, Mass. He is Captain of Hook and Ladder No. 3 of the Springfield Fire Department.

CHILD BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. ROBERT EARL, b. 21 Aug. 1892.

385. JUSTIN ASHLEY (*Francis*³⁷², *Justin*³⁵⁴, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 20 January 1836 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in West Springfield; married 8

May 1862, **ASENATH KIMBALL**, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Magoon) Kimball, born 17 May 1842 in Chateaugay, N. Y.; died 29 December 1880 in West Springfield.

Justin Ashley is a farmer and resides on his father's old farm in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1864 and his wife did so the following year.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. **ELLA MARIA**, b. 2* Mar. 1863; d. 21 July 1864.
- ii. **JAMES EDWIN**,† b. 29 Sept. 1865; d. 4 Aug. 1866.
- iii. **JAMES WILLIS**, b. 21 Feb. 1868.
- iv. **FRANK PARKER**, b. 18 May 1872.
- v. **FREDERICK KIMBALL**, b. 5 Apr. 1877.

386. **LORENZO CHAPIN ASHLEY** (*David*³⁷³, *Enoch*³⁶⁵, *David*³⁴⁴, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 31 March 1851 in West Springfield, Mass.; resides in Springfield, Mass.; married 1 January 1886, **KATHERINE T. DOLAN** of Lee, Mass.

Lorenzo Chapin Ashley and his youngest sister conduct the Iroquois Bag Company in Springfield, Mass.†

CHILD BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. **MARY LORINDA**, b. 3 Sept. 1886.

387. **BENJAMIN DAY ASHLEY** (*Daniel*³⁷⁵, *Benjamin*³⁵⁷, *Benjamin*³⁴⁵, *Benjamin*³⁴⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 6 March 1831 in West Springfield, Mass.; died 7 May 1880 in West Springfield; married 8 July 1858 in Shakopee, Minn., **MARIA COLLINS**, daughter of Austin and Delight (Merriman) Collins, born 15 April 1840 in Randolph, Ohio. She married, 2d, 4 December 1883 in Boston, Mass., **Austin Edward Anable** and resides in Springfield, Mass.

Benjamin Day Ashley lived in Ashleyville in West Springfield. He was a farmer and quite a prominent man in the town.

* By W. Spring. T. Rec., 1 by gravestone.

† By W. Spring. T. Rec., *Edward* by gravestone.

‡ Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

CHILDREN BORN IN WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. ALICE COLLINS, b. 1 Mar. 1859; m. 6 Oct. 1886, James H. Foulds and resides in Newton Highlands, Mass.
- ii. MARY LOUISE ("MAY"), b. 13 Mar. 1865; m. George Barr of Springfield, Mass.

388. CHARLES JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph L.*³⁷⁶, *Joseph*³⁶⁶, *Joseph*³⁴⁷, *Joseph*³⁴¹, *Joseph*³³⁸, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*'), born 27 February 1857 in Springfield, Ohio; resides in Indianapolis, Ind.; married 20 November 1884 in Urbana, Ohio, Mrs. VIRGINIA (ANDERSON) UPTON, widow of John Landon Upton of Piqua, Ohio, and daughter of Nelson Yewell and Prudence (Robinson) Anderson, born 12 December 1854 in Springfield, Ohio.

Charles Joseph Ashley has been in railroad business since his boyhood, having been connected with the engineering corps, transportation department and telegraph service. He has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania, the Grand Rapids and Indiana, the New York, Chicago and St. Louis, the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago railroads, and now again with the Pennsylvania. He has lived in Richmond, Ind., Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, and is at present telegraph operator in the superintendent's office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the union station in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Ashley and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of that city.

NO CHILDREN.

PART III. B.

The Springfield Branch.

389. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*⁴), born 16 April 1686 in Springfield, Mass.; died 2 April 1780 in Springfield; married 15 December 1720 in Springfield,* MARY BIDWELL,[†] who died 14 July 1733 in Springfield.

Joseph Ashley settled on the east side of the Connecticut River in the southern part of Springfield and lived there all his life. He early learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which, together with farming, he followed most of his long life. Some of the items about him in the early Springfield records are as follows: "November 22, 1717, granted to Joseph Ashley five shillings and two pence for his work about y^e pound;" "to Joseph Ashley for worke att y^e schoole house 6^s, for nailes for y^e schoole house 12^s;" "to Joseph Ashley for a Great Chaire for y^e schoole 5^s;" "to Joseph Ashley for repairing the meetinghouse on the east side 5^s" [1722].

He appears to have held only minor offices in the town. He was chosen fence viewer in 1710. On March 13, 1715-6, he was "chosen to prosecute the law concerning swine."[‡] In 1721 and 1722 he was "chosen to execute the law respecting bord and shingles." He was chosen tythingman in 1723 and constable in 1729. He held a few other minor offices at various times during his life. His "new house" is mentioned in 1770. His grave is unmarked.

Joseph Ashley was a member of the Springfield church, and in 1736 protested with twenty other men against the support of Mr. Robert Breck, upon the ground that he was not an orthodox minister.

* At least recorded there.

† The compiler has been unable to prove which of the Mary Bidwells she was.

‡ See last foot-note to No. 337.

"It was about the time of the second visit of Whitefield that Joseph Ashley, a member of the Springfield church, charged Mr. Breck with a refusal to admit into his pulpit Whitefield, Wheelock and Dewey. The church promptly voted that Ashley had manifested a censorious and uncharitable spirit towards his Church and the Pastor of it."*

"But it would be uncandid to neglect to say that many in Springfield in Breck's time deplored the liberality he encouraged. It probably soon drove some from the parish. And we have at least one, Joseph Ashley, who absented himself permanently from divine service. When the church demanded his reasons, he replied that he 'looked upon the church as no church of Christ, and the greater part of the members of it to be carnal.' Being asked the reasons of his entertaining such ideas concerning the church, he said that 'most of the discourse of most of the members was upon worldly matters, and that he apprehended such discourse was mostly delightful to them. And further he objected against the manner of admission of members practiced in this Church, because they did not require a particular account of their experiences, but accepted of a Profession of dedicating themselves to God, and a Life and Conversation corresponding thereto.' The church lost no time in voting that Ashley had left its communion for errors that had not been authenticated."†

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- 390. i. JOSEPH, b. 15 Nov. 1721.
- ii. JOHN, b. 16 Dec. 1723. "John Ashley of the 1st Parish lost his life at Louisburg."‡
- iii. MARY, b. 1 Jan. 1726-7.§
- iv. RUTH, b. 13 Apr. 1729.§
- 391. v. DAVID, b. 8 May 1731.
- vi. STEPHEN, b. 12 July 1733.§

390. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 15 November 1721 in Springfield, Mass.; died 7 January 1785 in Springfield; married, 1st, 11 June 1744 in Springfield, HANNAH SIKES, daughter of John and Thankful (Warriner) Sikes, born 26 September 1725 in Springfield; died 30 September 1760 in Springfield. He married, 2d, 7 May 1761 in Springfield, PHEBE MARKHAM,¹ daughter of Isaac and Jemima (Pease) Markham, born 7 December 1737 in Middletown, Conn.; died? **

* "Springfield 1636-1886," p. 254.

† Ditto, p. 258.

‡ Ditto, p. 261.

§ Probably died in infancy or early childhood. Their father makes no reference to them in any document.

She is called "of Springfield" in the town record, but her father had lived in Enfield before his death in 1752, and most of her family lived in Longmeadow.

** After 1800, perhaps at the home of one of her daughters.

Joseph Ashley settled as a farmer in his native town. His first purchase of land was on July 26, 1744, from Gershom Ferry. In 1753 his father gave him "the twenty-five acre place where he now lives, near the new bridge at Mill River, and a twelfth part of a sawmill on Mill River." In 1765 he had a road laid out by the town "along by the plum trees to the Widow Bond's and also from his place to meet a cross road by Crandal's or Hale's." In 1767 he sold one-third of the sawmill at "Pecowsick Mills." He continued to hold a right in the corn and sawmill there, however, until his death. He was chosen surveyor of highways in 1751, constable in 1754 (excused) and 1756, and was deer-reeve a great many years.* Joseph Ashley and his wife Hannah were buried in the old cemetery at the foot of Elm Street. Their gravestones were removed to the new cemetery. They are of brown sandstone and are inscribed as follows :

In Memory of Mr
JOSEPH ASHLEY 3,
who died Jan. 7,
1785,
in his 64, Year.

Reader behold
as you pass by,
as you are now
so once was I,
as I am now
so you must be,
Prepare for death
and follow me.

In Memory of
Mrs. HANNAH
wife of
Mr. JOSEPH
ASHLEY
who died Sep.
30th 1760 in y^e
35th Year of
her Age.

* His will, dated 25 Dec. 1784, proved 1 Feb. 1785, mentions his wife Phebe and his children, Stephen, John, Justin, Moses, Phebe and Eunice, and "Asenath daughter of my daughter Hannah." [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 14, p. 246.] "Asenath Ives, daughter of Joseph Ashley, 3d, and Hannah Ashley, born 18 Oct. 1775." [Spring. Rec. of Births.]

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

By first wife:

- 392. i. STEPHEN, b. 28 Apr. 1745.
- 393. ii. JOHN, b. 8 July 1747.
 - iii. MOSES, b. 7 May 1750; d. 17 July 1764 in Somers, Conn.
 - iv. HANNAH, b. 18 Sept. 1752; d. 8 Mar. 1780, unmarried.
 - v. EDITHA, b. 6 May 1755; d. 6 Sept. 1757.
 - vi. MARY, b. 7 June 1757; d. 21 June 1759.
- 394. vii. JUSTIN, b. 27 July 1760.

By second wife:

- viii. EDITHA, b. 8 Feb. 1762; d. 14 Jan. 1784, unmarried.
- ix. MARY, b. — Oct. 1764; d. 17 Jan. 1783, unmarried.
- x. PHEBE, b. 27 June 1766; m. — Nov. 1799, John Thayer of Belchertown, Mass.
- xi. MOSES, b. 16 Mar. 1768; d. 31 Mar. 1768.
- xii. A daughter, b. 7 May 1769; d. 8 May 1769.
- xiii. MOSES, b. 25 June 1771; d. 8 Jan. 1772.
- xiv. MOSES, b. 26 Nov. 1775; was a cabinetmaker, and d. 28 Aug. 1800 in Springfield, unmarried.
- xv. EUNICE, b. 26 Dec. 1779; m. 4 May 1800, Frederick Bartlett of Springfield.

391. DAVID ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 8 May 1731 in Springfield, Mass; died 15 July 1800 in Springfield; married 1 January 1756 in Springfield,* VASHTI BROOKS.[†] She married, 2d, ——— Charter and removed with her son Luke to Vershire, Vt., where she died 6 March 1827.

David Ashley settled on land given to him by his father in the southern part of Springfield and was a farmer. He was elected constable in 1762 and surveyor of highways in 1772, and also held other minor town offices, such as fence viewer, juror, etc.

He was, probably, the David Ashley who was a "private in the 2d Company, Gideon Burt's Hampshire County Regiment, which marched to retake Samuel Ely who was rescued from Springfield jail June 12, 1782, and also opposed the rioters at Northampton on June 16th."[‡]

* At least recorded there.

† Her birth and parentage were not discovered. One descendant says she was 104 years old when she died.

‡ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 34, p. 143.

His will, "yeoman," dated 13 June 1799, proved 7 Oct. 1800, mentions his wife Vashti and children: Daniel, Luke, Tim, Lucy and Olive. [Hampsh. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 21, p. 146.]

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. DAVID, b. 1 Sept. 1756; d. 2 Sept. 1756.
- ii. RUTH, b. 7 Aug. 1757; d. 4 Jan. 1759.
- iii. DAVID, b. 29 Oct. 1759; "d. 15 Oct. 1776 at Dorchester in the service of his country."*
- iv. LUCY, b. 3 Apr. 1762; m. 12 June 1782, John Wilson Langdon of Wilbraham, Mass.
- 395. v. DANIEL, b. 22 Sept. 1764.
- vi. OLIVE, b. 29 June 1767; d. 1 July 1769.
- 396. vii. LUKE, b. 10 Apr. 1770.
- viii. OLIVE, b. 4 June 1772; m. — May 1799, Nathaniel Waterman of Springfield.
- 397. ix. TIMOTHY,† b. 12 June 1775.
- x. POLLY, b. 11 Jan. 1778; d. 7 Aug. 1778.

392. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*⁴), born 28 April 1745 in Springfield, Mass.; died 21 March 1820 in Longmeadow, Mass.; married 14 February 1771 in ? Somers, Conn., HANNAH COOLEY, daughter of George and Hannah (Pease) Cooley, born 20 March 1745 in Somers; died 26 October 1802 in Longmeadow.

Stephen Ashley settled in Longmeadow, Mass. His farm was near the Springfield line. He also, apparently, carried on the trade of a tailor.‡ He was a soldier in the Revolution. He enlisted on December 25, 1776, in Capt. Daniel Cadwell's company, Col. Timothy Robinson's regiment, served in the garrison at Ticonderoga, and received his discharge on April 2, 1777.§

CHILDREN BORN IN LONGMEADOW, MASS.:

- i. STEPHEN, b. 25 Dec. 1772; d. 8 Aug. 1775.
- 398. ii. NOAH, b. 17 June 1774.
- iii. HANNAH, b. 21 Dec. 1776; d. in infancy.
- iv. HANNAH, b. 24 Apr. 1779; m. 17 Sept. 1799, Capt. Samuel King of Longmeadow.
- 399. v. STEPHEN, b. 16 Oct. 1781.
- vi. MARY, b. 28 June 1784.

* Spring. T. Rec. It was probably he who was drafted for Capt. Burt's company in pursuance of an order of July 27, 1776. [See Orderly Book A, now in Suffield, Conn.] cp. No. 393.

† Recorded *Tim*.

‡ In 1766 Stephen Ashley of Longmeadow presented a bill: "To making Thomas Hancock a coat, waistcoat and overalls: one doz. buttons, and thread and pockets—\$2.00." ["Longmeadow Centennial," p. 296.]

§ Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 18, p. 41; vol. 47, p. 81. "History of Palmer, Mass.," p. 180.

393. JOHN ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 8 July 1747 in Springfield, Mass.; died 3* January 1833 in Springfield; married 6 December 1786 in Longmeadow, Mass., MARY BLISS, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Booth) Bliss, born 26 February 1753 in Longmeadow; died 30 November† 1813 in Springfield.

John Ashley settled on part of his father's farm in the southern part of Springfield. He was a farmer. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and his name is on the muster roll of the company of minute men under Lieut. David Burt of Longmeadow, Mass., which marched to Lexington on April 20, 1775.‡ He was drafted for Captain Burt's company on July 27, 1776.§ He was also one of the company of nine-months men drafted and sent from Springfield to Fishkill in 1778. This company was commanded by Capt. Nathan Rowley and was in Col. John Jacob's regiment. He was, probably, the John Ashley who was a private in the 2d Company in Col. Gideon Burt's Hampshire County Regiment, and served June 12-16, 1782, during the excitement incident to Samuel Ely's release from Springfield jail.||

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. MARY, b. 11 Dec. 1788; m. 26 Nov. 1811, Solomon Dwinnell** of Springfield.
- ii. ANNA, b. 1 Oct. 1790; d. 11 Feb. 1809, unmarried.
- iii. LUCINDA, b. 23 Feb. 1794; m. 15 Oct. 1812, Samuel Spaulding of Springfield.
400. iv. JOHN, b. 18 Mar. 1796.

394. JUSTIN ASHLEY (*Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 27 July 1760 in Springfield, Mass.; died 19 March 1829 in East Longmeadow, Mass.;†† published intention of marriage 29 September 1787 in Springfield with FREELOVE DAVIS,

* By Spring. T. Rec., 2 by gravestone in Springfield.

† By Spring. T. Rec., Dec. by gravestone in Springfield.

‡ "Longmeadow Centennial," p. 207, wrongly gives the name *Ackley*.

§ Orderly Book A, now in Suffield, Conn.

|| Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 34, p. 143.

His will, "yeoman," dated 10 Nov. 1818, proved 1st Tues. in Apr. 1833, mentions his three children. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 11, p. 360.]

** Correct according to descendants, though given *Dunnell* in the record.

†† His farm lay partly in Springfield and partly in Longmeadow.

daughter of Moses and Katherine (Read) Davis, born 13 December 1761 in Stafford, Conn.; died 21 August 1822 in East Longmeadow.

Justin Ashley was a farmer. His farm lay partly in Springfield and partly in East Longmeadow, Mass.* He served in the 2d Company of Col. Gideon Burt's Hampshire County Regiment June 12-16, 1782, on the occasion of the rescue of Samuel Ely from Springfield jail and the subsequent attack on the rioters at Northampton.†

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS. ‡

401. i. JOSEPH, b. 14 Dec. 1788.
- ii. MOSES DAVIS, b. 10 Sept. 1790; d. 16 Feb. 1791.
- iii. SOPHIA, b. 2 Jan. 1792; d. 7 Mar. 1795.
- iv. ALETHEA, b. 13 Sept. 1793; d. 26 Apr. 1812, unmarried.§
- v. AMASA, b. 24|| Mar. 1796; d. 6 Apr. 1797.
- vi. SOPHIA, b. 27 Mar. 1798; m. Jesse Bugbee of Longmeadow.
- vii. HANNAH, b. 27 Apr. 1800; m. 30 Mar. 1826, Azel Pease of Somers, Conn.
- viii. WILLIAM, b. 20 June 1802; d. 16 Mar. 1826, unmarried.§
- ix. ALMIRA, b. 5 June 1804; m. 13 May 1852, Alfred Kibbe of Somers.

395. DANIEL ASHLEY (*David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁹⁹, *Joseph*³⁹⁷, *Robert*), born 22 September 1764 in Springfield, Mass.; died 8 August 1812 in Springfield; married 17 September 1784 in Springfield, SALLY HUNT of Springfield,** who died 11 June 1818 in Springfield, in her 59th year.

Daniel Ashley settled in the southern part of Springfield. He was a farmer, and his farm, which was a large one, lay along Mill River and extended into Longmeadow. He was a

* "Longmeadow Centennial" gives him an incorrect parentage, confusing him with Justin Ashley (354). The births and deaths of all of his children and those of himself and wife are recorded in Springfield, and he and his wife were buried there.

† Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 34, p. 143.

His will, "yeoman," dated 3 Mar. 1829, proved 3d Tues. in June 1829, mentions his four living children. [Hampden Co. Prob. Rec., vol. 9, p. 211.]

‡ Recorded in Springfield, but born so near the line that their descendants say they were natives of Longmeadow.

§ Gravestone in Springfield cemetery.

|| By Spring. T. Rec., 25 by "Longmeadow Centennial."

** Whose birth and parentage have not been discovered. They were not found by the compiler of the "Hunt Genealogy."

member of Col. Gideon Burt's Hampshire County Regiment which marched to retake Samuel Ely who was rescued from Springfield jail June 12, 1782, and to oppose the rioters at Northampton on June 16th.*

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. ELIZABETH, b. — Sept. 1785 ; m. 28 Dec. 1806, Ezekiel Keith of Springfield, Mass., and Rock Island, Ill.
- 402. ii. DAVID, b. — 1787.
- 403. iii. JAMES, b. 13 Sept. 1790.
- iv. SALLY BREWER, b. 11 Oct. 1793 ; m. David Eggleston of Springfield.
- 404. v. DANIEL, b. 12 Nov. 1796.
- vi. OLIVE, b. 7 Nov. 1805 ; m. 20 July 1825,† Nathan W. Washburn of Springfield.

396. LUKE ASHLEY (*David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 10 April 1770 in Springfield, Mass. ; died 30 April 1844 in Vershire, Vt. ;‡ married "in the winter of 1796" in Lyme, N. H.,§ RUTH POST, daughter of Peter and Ruth (Walker) Post, born 16 May 1773 in Lyme ; died 22 November 1840 in Vershire.

Luke Ashley removed, when a young man, from Springfield, Mass., to Vershire, Vt., where he settled and lived during the rest of his life. He was a farmer. His youngest son inherited and occupied his farm.

CHILDREN BORN IN VERSHIRE, VT. :

- 405. i. LUKE, b. 16 Jan. 1797.
- ii. AARON, b. 8 Feb. 1799 ; d. 18 Feb. 1799.
- 406. iii. AARON MORGAN, b. 12 Mar. 1800.
- 407. iv. DAVID, b. 22 Feb. 1802.
- v. RUTH, b. 10 Apr. 1804 ; m., 1st, 1825, Aaron Post of Lymé, N. H. ; 2d, 28 Oct. 1873, George Wood of Piermont, N. H.
- vi. CYNTHIA, b. 9 Aug. 1806 ; m. George J. Flanders of Orange, Vt.
- vii. OLIVE, b. 6 Feb. 1809 ; m. Robert Hutchins of Vershire.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. 15 May 1811 ; d. 15 Nov. 1815.
- ix. POLLY, b. 25 Feb. 1815 ; d. 23 Mar. 1832, unmarried.

* Mass. Rev. Rolls, vol. 34, p. 143.

† Somers, Conn., T. Rec.

‡ He was not related to the other family of Ashleys who lived in Vershire, Vt.

§ Lyme records were burned in the summer of 1894.

397. TIMOTHY* ASHLEY (*David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*), born 12 June 1775 in Springfield, Mass.; died 15 September 1842 in Boston, Mass.; married MARY WYMAN, born ——— 1779 in ———, Conn.; died 15 August 1849 in Boston.

Timothy Ashley settled first in his native town and entered upon the profession of a journalist. On September 26, 1799, he purchased from Francis Stebbins the *Federal Spy*, a newspaper which had been started in 1793 by James R. Hutchins, who sold it to Mr. Stebbins in 1796. Mr. Ashley continued the paper until the spring of 1801, when he took Mr. Henry Brewer into the establishment. Two years later Mr. Ashley sold the *Spy* to Mr. Brewer. After this he is said to have been connected with a type foundry for a few years.

In 1815 he had removed to Boston, Mass., and was a journeyman printer, and may have worked for the *Zion Herald*. He lived in Boston the rest of his life. He and his wife joined the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) Church in Boston in 1830, and the latter made it a bequest in her will. She conducted a circulating library for some years at 134 Hanover Street.

NO CHILDREN.†

398. Capt. NOAH ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*), born 17 June 1774 in Longmeadow, Mass.; died 2 April 1860 in Port Huron, Mich.; married, 1st, 31 August 1798 in Longmeadow, NAOMI FIELD, daughter of Oliver and Ann (Cooley) Field, and sister of the wife of his brother Stephen, born 27 February 1779 in Longmeadow; died 21 October 1807 in Longmeadow. He married, 2d, 12 July 1810 in Westfield, Mass., SARAH DOUGLAS,‡ daughter of Thomas James and Temperance (Palmer) Douglas, born 30 August 1780 in Westfield. They were divorced, and she died 15 January 1863 at the home of her sister Elizabeth (Mrs. William Palmer) in Watertown, N. Y. He married, 3d,

* Recorded *Tim*, and so called in his father's will.

† Relatives are sure. No children are recorded to them in Boston, and none are mentioned in their wills.

‡ She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

intention published 25 December 1823 in Springfield, Mass., Mrs. NANCY WILLIAMS* of Springfield, who "died about ten years later in North Adams, Mass."[†]

Noah Ashley and his brother settled as farmers in East Longmeadow, Mass., their houses being on opposite sides of the village street. He is also said to have lived a short time in Windsor, Vt. After his second marriage he is supposed to have settled in Westfield,[‡] Mass., where he kept a hotel.

"He was a hotel-keeper by nature, his own genial temperament peculiarly fitting him for such a position, and he made a success at the business. His wife Sarah had the reputation of setting the best table and being the best landlady in the county. During the winter season, when balls were common, they were frequently held at Captain Ashley's, as he was called, for Mrs. Ashley excelled in her roast turkeys and pigs, mince pies and fruit cakes."[§]

"Returning to Springfield, Mass., Captain Ashley married a third time, and lived there a few years. He then removed to North Adams, Mass., where his eldest son was living, and in his old age went to Port Huron, Mich., to pass his remaining years with his eldest son. He was a captain in the Massachusetts militia and was always called by that title."^{||}

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS.:

By first wife:

- i. EMELIA ("EMILY"), b. 27 May 1799; m. Walter Coomes of East Longmeadow.
408. ii. ALEXANDER FIELD, b. 30 June 1803.
- iii. NOAH, b. 12 May 1806; was a machinist by trade, and went, as a young man, to Alabama. He took the yellow fever and died somewhere in that State, while journeying North, as his last letter announced that he was just starting. He was unmarried.

* She may have been Nancy Garner of Springfield, who m. 10 May 1817 Prince Williams of Wilbraham, Mass.

† Her death is not on record there, however.

‡ His wife's maternal uncle had kept the hotel there. Some descendants think he went to Great Barrington, Mass., but the records of that town do not mention him.

§ Letters from his grandchildren by his second wife.

|| Letter from his grandson by his third wife.

CHILDREN BORN IN ? WESTFIELD, MASS. :

By second wife:

409. iv. CHARLES DOUGLAS, b. 19 Dec. 1811.*
 410. v. GEORGE DOUGLAS, b. 24 June 1813.*

CHILD BORN IN NORTH ADAMS, MASS.:†

By third wife:

- vi. NAOMI, b. ——— 1830; was adopted and brought up from the age of three years by her half-brother, Alexander (above). She m. 25 Dec. 1846, George Henry Bailey of Port Huron, Mich., who was drowned in the Humboldt River, while on his way to California, 22 July 1850, and she d. 23 Apr. 1856 in Port Huron.

Bailey children born in Port Huron: *George Ashley*, b. 14 Sept. 1847, changed his name to GEORGE BAILEY ASHLEY (No. 415); *Charles Ashley*, b. 22 July 1850; resides in Port Huron and is deputy-collector of that port. They were adopted by their uncle, Alexander F. Ashley.

399. STEPHEN ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁶⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 16 October 1781 in Longmeadow, Mass.; died 6 November 1849 in East Longmeadow; married 12 September 1805 in Longmeadow, MARY FIELD, daughter of Oliver and Ann (Cooley) Field, and sister of the first wife of his brother Noah, born 20 June 1784 in Longmeadow; died 24 July 1858 in East Longmeadow.

Stephen Ashley settled in East Longmeadow, Mass. His house, built at the time of his marriage, was on the opposite side of the street to his brother's, and is still owned by his descendants. The homestead is about one mile from the East Longmeadow station on the N. Y. & N. E. Railroad. He was a prosperous farmer, and was elected a selectman of the town in 1830, 1831 and 1840.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS.:

- i. MARY ANN, b. 18 Sept. 1806; m. Jesse Bugbee of East Longmeadow.
 411. ii. SIMEON, b. 21 May 1808.
 iii. HARRIET, b. 15 July 1813; m. Nathaniel Billings of East Longmeadow.

* Bapt. 5 Mar. 1820 in Westfield. Their mother is called "Widow" Sarah Ashley.

† According to her eldest son.

- iv. CATHERINE, b. 11 Feb. 1820 ; m. 26 May 1851, Henry Kibbie and resides in Sixteen Acres, Mass.
- v. HANNAH COOLEY, b. 27 Jan. 1821 ; m. Henry J. Crooks of East Longmeadow.
- vi. CLARINDA,* b. 1 Sept. 1824 ; d. 29 July 1825.

400. JOHN ASHLEY (*John*³⁹³, *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 18 March 1796 in Springfield, Mass. ; died 14 December 1863 in Springfield ; married 14 November 1817 in Springfield, MATILDA DIBBLE, daughter of Charles Dibble, born ——— 1797 in Randolph, Vt. ; died 11 June 1862 in Springfield.

John Ashley was a farmer in the southern part of Springfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. : †

- i. CHARLES, b. 26 Sept. 1818.
- ii. LEWIS DIBBLE, b. 1 Mar. 1821.
- iii. MATILDA ANN, b. 20 Nov. 1822 ; m. 26 Sept. 1842, Willard Elmer of Springfield.
- iv. ELLEN DELINA, b. 8 Aug. 1830 ; m. 21 Oct. 1856, Henry A. Shaw of Springfield.

401. JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Justin*³⁹⁴, *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 14 December 1788 in East Longmeadow, Mass., ‡ died 26^s October 1830 in East Longmeadow, Mass. ; married about 1817 in ? Longmeadow, SUSAN WHITE, daughter of Dr. Lewis and Susannah (King) White, born 3 August 1790 in Longmeadow ; died 24 August 1855 in St. Johns, Ill.

John Ashley built a house on the hill south of his father's house, which is still standing. He was a farmer, and was elected a selectman of Longmeadow from 1826 to 1829.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS. :

- 412. i. LEWIS WHITE, b. 22 Oct. 1818.
- ii. ANN ELIZA, b. — — 1820 ; d. aged 27 years, unmarried.
- iii. PERCIS JANE, b. — — 1822 ; m., 1st, 24 May 1848, Charles W. Swan of Springfield, Mass. ; 2d. 23 Oct. 1850, William A. Selden of Anna, Ill.

* Correcting " Longmeadow Centennial."

† Members of this family failed to answer the compiler's letters.

‡ His father's farm lay partly in Springfield and partly in Longmeadow.

§ 18 by one account.

- iv. FRANKLIN, b. ——— 1824; d. in infancy.
- v. HARRIET C., b. ——— 1826; d. Feb. 1856 in Anna, unmarried.
- vi. ESTHER SUSAN, b. 4 Jan. 1828; d. 20 Sept. 1855 in Anna, unmarried.
- vii. JOSEPH FRANKLIN, b. ——— 1830; was a civil engineer and was employed on the railroads with which his brother was connected. He was also interested in mining in New Mexico. He was County Surveyor of Union County, Ill., for many years, and d. 27 Jan. 1890 in Anna, unmarried.

402. DAVID ASHLEY (*Daniel*³⁹⁵, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born ——— 1787 in Springfield, Mass.; died 30 June 1816 in Springfield; married 21 March 1809 in West Springfield, Mass., SOPHIA BRASS,* daughter of Henry and Mercy (Sackett) Brass, born ——— 1789 in Wilbraham, Mass. She married, 2d, John Charter, and died 3 November 1855 in Springfield.

David Ashley was a farmer in Springfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. HARRIET, b. 5 Sept. 1810; m. 17 Oct. 1833, Ralza Man Cooley of Springfield.
- ii. SOPHIA, b. ——— 1812; d. aged six years.
- 413. iii. DAVID FRANKLIN, b. 4 June 1815.

403. JAMES ASHLEY (*Daniel*³⁹⁵, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 13 September 1790 in Springfield, Mass.; died 1 August 1817 in Springfield; married 9 July 1812 in Springfield, ASENATH ALLEN of Springfield.[†]

James Ashley was a farmer in Springfield.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

- i. EMILY, b. 4 July 1813.
- ii. MARY, b. 19 Sept. 1816.

404. DANIEL ASHLEY (*Daniel*³⁹⁵, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 12 November 1796 in Springfield, Mass.; died 3 February 1821 in Springfield; married 14 October 1818 in

* Her mother united with the First Congregational Church in Westfield by letter from the church in Chester in 1801.

† Whose birth and parentage have not been discovered. She probably married again and left town.

Springfield, ELIZA CASWELL of Springfield.* She published intention of marriage, 2d, 15 December 1825, with David A. Cadwell of Springfield, and died 21 May 1838 in Springfield, aged 37 years.

Daniel Ashley was a farmer in Springfield.

NO CHILDREN.

405. LUKE ASHLEY (*Luke*³⁹⁶, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 16 January 1797 in Vershire, Vt.; died 16 September 1858 in Boston, Mass.; married 14 May 1826 in Billerica, Mass., MARY BAKER SUMNER, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Baker) Sumner, born 30 May 1795 in Boston; died 10 January 1867 in Boston.

Luke Ashley came to Boston, Mass., before his marriage and continued to reside there until 1838, when he removed with his family to his native place, Vershire, Vt., where his parents were still living. In 1851 he returned to Boston. He was a house carpenter, and, while pursuing his occupation, fell through an elevator shaft in a large store on Franklin Street in that city on September 11, 1858, dying from his injuries five days later. He and his wife were members of the First M. E. Church of Boston.

CHILDREN BORN IN SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.:

- 414. i. JOHN ECKLEY, b. 4 Apr. 1829.
- ii. MARY JANE, b. 17 Nov. 1831; resides in Ashfield, Mass., unmarried.
- iii. ELLEN, b. 21 July 1833; m. 31 Oct. 1866, David Sears Howes and resides in Ashfield.

406. AARON MORGAN ASHLEY (*Luke*³⁹⁶, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*ⁱ), born 12 March 1800 in Vershire, Vt.; died 11 October 1881 in Orange, Vt.; married about 1824, HANNAH HUNTOON, daughter of Charles and Susan (Sleeper) Huntoon, born ——— in Unity, Vt.; died ——— 1858 in Orange.

Aaron Morgan Ashley was a farmer by occupation. He first settled in Vershire, Vt., where he passed the first year of his married life, then removing to a farm in Orange, Vt., where he died. He was highly respected for his uprightness and honesty.

* Whose birth and parentage have not been discovered.

CHILDREN :

- i. ZERVIAH HUNTOON, b. 17 Aug. 1825 in Vershire, Vt. ; was a school teacher, and d. 20 Aug. 1845 in Orange, Vt., unmarried.
- ii. AARON BLISS, b. 8 Jan. 1829 in Orange ; was graduated at Barre (Vt.) Academy and was Superintendent of Schools in Orange. He d. 31 Mar. 1865 in Orange, unmarried.
- iii. MATILDA, b. 26 Feb. 1834 in Washington, Vt. ; m. 9 Dec. 1863, John Edward Rollins and resides in Barre, Vt.
- iv. A child, b. in Orange ; d. aged one week.

407. DAVID ASHLEY (*Luke*³⁹⁶, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 22 February 1802 in Vershire, Vt. ; died 17 September 1875 in Vershire ; married about 1836 in Fairlee, Vt., LYDIA CARPENTER, daughter of Ephraim and Sally (Titus) Carpenter, born 16 May 1807 in Fairlee ; died 11 July 1880 in Vershire.

David Ashley lived on the homestead in Vershire, Vt., for some years, and then bought a small farm about a mile away, where he passed the rest of his life. He was a farmer.

CHILDREN :

- i. PHEBE JANE, b. 4 July 1837 in West Fairlee, Vt. ; m. 28 July 1868, Harris Alden Howard and resides in North Thetford, Vt.
- ii. SARAH ANN, b. 18 Sept. 1839 in Vershire, Vt. ; d. 23 Oct. 1861 in Vershire, unmarried.
- iii. JOHN WESLEY, b. 8 Aug. 1842 in Thetford, Vt. ; was a farmer, and d. 20 Sept. 1868 in Vershire, unmarried.

408. ALEXANDER FIELD ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁹⁸, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 30 June 1803 in East Longmeadow, Mass. ; died 30 October 1870 in Port Huron, Mich. ; married in "Pasandria, a village on the borders of Mass. and N. Y.,"* ROXANNA MERRILL, daughter of Silas and Sylvia (Curtis) Merrill, born about 1806 in Wolcott, Conn. ; resides in Port Huron.

Alexander Field Ashley learned the tailor's trade and settled in North Adams, Mass., where he was in business until 1835. That year he went, among the earliest settlers, to Port Huron, Mich., then a mere settlement, known as Desmond. Shortly after coming to Port Huron he built the Columbia Hotel,

* According to his nephew No. 415.

which he kept for many years, later sending for his father to come out and join him. He continued to live in Port Huron the rest of his life. His residence was on the plank road just outside the city limits.

Mr. Ashley was a life-long Democrat, and held various appointed and elective offices under that party. He was one of the first collectors of customs of Port Huron, holding the office under the administration of President Polk. He helped organize the first school district in the township, and became the first school director. During the last fifteen years of his life he held the responsible and difficult position of superintendent of the county poor.

NO CHILDREN.*

409. CHARLES DOUGLAS ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁹⁸, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 19 December 1811 in Westfield, Mass.;† died 26 April 1873 in Pauldingville, Mo.; married 30 December 1841 in Adrian, Mich., SARAH LOUISE PENNIMAN, daughter of James and Sarah (Hutchinson) Penniman, born 5 November 1812 in Dorchester, Mass.; died 9 December 1892 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Charles Douglas Ashley, when a young man, was a cashier in a bank in Sandusky, Ohio. About 1839 he emigrated to Michigan and went into the dry goods business with his brother George in Adrian, Lenawee County.‡ They were together about a year, when George sold his interest to his brother. In the meantime Mr. Ashley's father-in-law had built a flouring mill in Canandaigua, Mich., and the latter persuaded him to take charge of that business. He did so in 1842, and at Mr. Penniman's death Mrs. Ashley inherited it, so her husband continued in charge, and did a flourishing business until the mill was burned, about 1856. He did not rebuild it, but engaged in farming, and was so engaged during the rest of his life. In the summer of 1867 he went to St. Charles County, Missouri, and bought a farm in Pauldingville, two and a half miles from Foristel Station, where he died six years later.

* But adopted the children of his half-sister (No. 398. vi.).

† Bapt. there 5 Mar. 1820.

‡ See account under No. 410.

Mr. Ashley had good business ability and was strictly temperate in his habits. He was a Republican in politics, but held no office. In religion he was a Congregationalist and was liberal in contributions toward the public welfare.

CHILDREN BORN IN CANANDAIGUA, MICH. :

- i. MARY LOUISE, b. 6 Oct. 1842; m., 1st, 5 Dec. 1861, George Washington Kinney of Pauldingville, Mo.; 2d, 6 Feb. 1879, Charles Alfred Gardner of Rockford, Minn.; 3d, 30 Sept. 1883, Thomas Conklin and resides in Rockford.
- ii. JULIET DOUGLAS, b. 8 Dec. 1844; m. 5 June 1876, Samuel Edwards Cliff and resides in Creston, Cal.

410. GEORGE DOUGLAS ASHLEY (*Noah*³⁹⁸, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 24 June 1813 in ? Westfield, Mass.*; died 12 October 1846 in Toledo, Ohio; married 4 March 1841 in Canandaigua, Mich., JANE THANKFUL WHEAT, daughter of Benjamin and Luany (Sprague) Wheat, born 2 January 1820 in Orleans, N. Y. She married, 2d, in October 1851 in Geneva, N. Y., John S. Chapin of Chapinville, N. Y., and Quincy, Mich., and died 3 December 1887 in Quincy.

George Douglas Ashley learned early in life to depend on his own exertions. It was his great desire to have a college education, his aspiration being the ministry. He entered Yale College, as a resident of Westfield, Mass., his mother's home, in the fall of 1835, but was obliged to leave college during his Junior year on account of ill health. This ended his student life, and about 1839 he emigrated to Adrian, Mich., where he and his brother Charles opened a dry goods house under the firm name of Ashley Brothers. It was among the first business houses and the first dry goods store established in the town. Not long after his marriage he sold his interest in the store, and removed to Canandaigua in the same county, where he was interested in a flouring-mill. He also opened a dry goods store there. This was in the line of a plan he had made to eventually settle in Toledo, Ohio, where he hoped to become a prominent business man of that already thriving town. During the fall of 1845 he sold out all his interests in Canan-

* Bapt. there 5 Mar. 1820.

daigua and went to Port Huron, Mich., where he engaged in the lumber business. He removed the following spring to Toledo and opened a dry goods store. He also invested largely in wheat, being obliged to store it in a building unfit for such a purpose, as there was at that time no elevator in the town. The building was five stories high, and the great weight on the upper floor caused it to give way and it carried down all the others. The grain began to heat, and men were hired to remove it. While assisting at this work, he over-exerted himself and was seized with a bilious fever, a sickness his delicate constitution could not throw off, and he died in about two weeks.

Mr. Ashley was a most exemplary young man. His mother knew him as the best of sons, and his wife found him a kind and affectionate husband. His business abilities were marked, and while, no doubt, the ministry lost an able advocate, the commercial world gained a fine business man. He was an ardent Presbyterian in his religious views, and he and his wife were members of that church.

His widow returned to her native place, and in 1848 purchased a house in Geneva, N. Y., where, after a widowhood of five years, she married again and resided until 1854, when she and her husband removed to Quincy, Mich. After his death she resided the rest of her life with her youngest daughter in that place.

CHILDREN BORN IN CANANDAIGUA, MICH.:

- i. SARAH JANE, b. 19 Nov. 1842; m. 10 Jan. 1865, Col. Melvin Mudge of Quincy, Mich., and resides in Highland Park, Cal.
- ii. LOUISE WHEAT, b. 19 Sept. 1845; m. 3 Mar. 1874, Henry Jay Gregory of Quincy.

411. SIMEON ASHLEY (*Stephen*³⁹⁹, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁹⁹, *Joseph*³⁹⁷, *Robert*¹), born 21 May 1808 in East Longmeadow, Mass.; died 31 January 1871 in East Longmeadow; married in October 1831 in East Longmeadow, LOUISA GOODRICH, daughter of Nathaniel and Esther (Salisbury) Goodrich, born 28 August 1810 in East Longmeadow; died 28 October 1881 in East Longmeadow.



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Simeon Ashley settled in his native place and was a farmer. His father built him a house on his farm at the time of his marriage, in which all of his children were born. Later he moved into the old homestead, which is now owned by the children of his youngest son. His own house was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Mr. Ashley was a liberal supporter of the Congregational church, and gave generously to all benevolent objects. He had musical tastes, and was leader of the church choir for several years. He also taught classes in vocal music. He always declined all offers of public office.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS. :

- i. CLARINDA, b. 26 Aug. 1832 ; d. 22 Jan. 1839.
- 416. ii. STEPHEN RANDALL, b. 7 Oct. 1834.
- iii. CANDACE, b. 15 Nov. 1836 ; m. 24 Nov. 1857, Joseph Nelson Bowers and resides in Chicago, Ill.
- iv. NATHAN, b. 15 Apr. 1839 ; d. 12 Sept. 1855.
- v. MARY LOUISA, b. 14 Mar. 1841 ; m. 21 Mar. 1861, William Leonard Converse and resides in Springfield, Mass.
- vi. CHARLES, b. 11 May 1843 ; d. 24 Oct. 1843.
- vii. FLAVIA ELIZA, b. 25 Aug. 1845 ; m. 6 July 1876, George Henry Stebbins and resides in Springfield.
- viii. CLARINDA, b. 9 June 1848 ; m. 28 Aug. 1872, Horace Morgan Beardsley and resides in Springfield.
- 417. ix. WARREN KING, b. 9 Dec. 1850.

412. Col. LEWIS WHITE ASHLEY (*Joseph*⁴⁰¹, *Justin*³⁹⁴, *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³²⁷, *Robert*¹), born 22 October 1818 in East Longmeadow, Mass. ; died 23 June 1881 in San Antonio, Tex. ; married 8 October 1843 in Canaan Four Corners, N. Y., ELLEN DOUGLAS BARNES, daughter of Hon. Henry Clinton and Huldah (Douglas) Barnes, born 25 March 1825 in Canaan, N. Y. ; died 27 October 1885 in San Antonio.

Lewis White Ashley was a civil engineer by profession. He began his career at the age of nineteen, under his lifelong friend Capt. John Childe and George Whistler, both distinguished engineers, on the Western Railroad, now the Boston and Albany. In 1840, as engineer, he surveyed and completed the tunnel on the Boston and Albany near the Massachusetts State line, and in 1843 made survey and location of the Hart-

ford and Springfield Railroad. In 1844 he was engaged in rebuilding the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad in North Carolina. The following year he was made general superintendent of the Hudson and Berkshire Railroad. In 1846, under Captain Childe, he constructed the Greenfield and Northampton Railroad, and in 1848, with Captain Childe, he surveyed and constructed the Cleveland and Columbus. In 1850 he was made general superintendent of the Michigan Southern and Erie and Kalamazoo, and the next year decided the final location of the Norwalk, Toledo and Cleveland Railroad in Ohio. While he was detained at Toledo, a great storm blew the water from the west end of Lake Erie so as to expose the bottom of Maumee Bay, seven feet below the lake surface level. The knowledge gained by this strange event caused the great depot to be located in the river, on what was called the "middle ground," instead of on the main land.

In 1852, with R. B. Mason, he surveyed the Illinois Central from Kankakee County to the mouth of the Ohio River, and, as division engineer, constructed it from Centralia to Cairo, with works at the latter place. He purchased most of the land that the town of Anna, Ill., now covers, naming it for an old lady whom he highly esteemed. The town of Ashley on this railroad was named in his honor. In 1854, with his old friend and patron John Childe, he was engaged as engineer of the Mobile Railroad, living at Paducah, Ky. This same year he bought land at St. Johns, Ill., and opened the first coal mine between Chicago and Cairo, now known as the "Du Quoin" mines. He sold the mines in 1859, and bought an interest in the Placer gold mine, twenty-one miles south of Santa Fé, and with his family crossed the great plains in 1860. He returned to Anna, Ill., in 1861, as rumors of war prevented work at the mines. In 1866 he went to San Antonio, Texas, bought water power and stock, built a mill, and resided there, on the Rio de la San Antonio, until his death.

CHILDREN :

- i. MARY TEACHEY, b. 1 Sept. 1845 in Hudson, N. Y. ; m. 22 May 1863, John Crenshaw Lawler of San Antonio, Tex.
- ii. JOHN CHILDE, b. 9 Apr. 1848 in Mount Vernon, Ohio ; d. 1 Apr. 1853 in Jonesborough, Ill.

- iii. LEWIS WHITE, b. 1 Mar. 1851 in Adrian, Mich. ; d. 5 Apr. 1853 in Jonesborough.
- iv. A child, b. 18 Mar. 1853 in Jonesborough ; d. that day.
- 418. v. FRANK, b. 6 June 1854 in Paducah, Ky.
- vi. LOVICETTA, b. 5 Jan. 1861 in Santa Fé, N. Mex. ; d. — June 1861 in Anna, Ill.
- 419. vii. LOUIS JOSEPH, b. 18 Aug. 1863 in Anna.

413. DAVID FRANKLIN ASHLEY (*David*⁴⁰², *Daniel*³⁹⁵, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³⁸⁷, *Robert*¹), born 4 June 1815 in Springfield, Mass. ; resides in Springfield ; married 25 November 1841 in South Wilbraham, Mass., ADALINE ELVIRIA HENDRICK, daughter of Hiram and Adaline (Patton) Hendrick, born 5 January 1824 in South Wilbraham.

David Franklin Ashley early learned the trade of a printer, under John B. Eldridge in the office of the *Hampden Whig*, which supported the administration of General Jackson. He became partner of E. D. Beach, Esq., who had bought the *Whig* of Mr. Eldridge in February, 1835. The paper was continued under the name of the *Hampden Post* by them and the firm of D. F. Ashley & Co. until July 1, 1843, when the establishment was purchased by Alanson Hawley.

In the spring of 1847 Mr. Ashley started the *Palmer (Mass.) Times*. The paper was printed in Springfield, but only one number was published, as the encouragement was insufficient to warrant its continuance. After he gave up publishing the paper, he went into the "Yankee notion" business, later giving this to his eldest son, who discontinued it on his removal to Troy, N. Y.

CHILDREN BORN IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS. :

- i. FRANK ERNEST, b. 15 Apr. 1845 ; is in the hotel and restaurant business in Troy, N. Y.*
- ii. ISABEL ELVIRIA, b. 19 Sept. 1847 ; m. 1 Jan. 1866, John F. Kelley and resides in Springfield.
- iii. SARAH CHAPMAN, b. — July 1853 ; d. 21 Oct. 1854.
- iv. WILLIAM DAVID, b. 31 Dec. 1854 ; d. 25 Jan. 1855.
- v. ADALINE WINONA, b. 6 Mar. 1857 ; m. 31 Dec. 1878, Frank W. Tower and resides in Springfield.
- vi. HENDRICK PATTON, b. 21 Jan. 1860 ; is a commercial agent and resides in Springfield. He is unmarried.
- 420. vii. HERBERT HORTON, b. 4 Oct. 1864.

* Failed to answer the compiler's letters.

414. JOHN ECKLEY ASHLEY (*Luke*³⁰⁵, *Luke*³⁹⁶, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*[†]), born 4 April 1829 in South Boston, Mass.; died 13 June 1885 in Somerville, Mass.; married 23 June 1859 in Charlestown, Mass., SARAH ANN DAVIS, daughter of Richard Edward and Caroline Fowler (Towne) Davis, born 17 February 1838 in Kennebunk, Me.; resides in Somerville.

John Eckley Ashley settled in Boston, and became a clerk in a kitchen furnishing store in that city. During the Civil War, he enlisted August 29, 1862, as a private in Company F, Forty-fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers. He participated in no large battles, but was engaged in a few skirmishes, and was discharged June 18, 1863, at the expiration of his term of service. After leaving the army, he opened a lamp and glassware store on Kilby Street, Boston, and was burned out in the great fire of November, 1872. He managed to save a few goods, and opened another store on Union Street, but, on being again burned out, he sold his business, and at the time of his death was shipper in the bedding warehouse of A. L. Haskell & Co. of Boston.

• Mr. Ashley lived for the two years succeeding his marriage in Boston, the next six in Charlestown, and the remainder of his life in Somerville. He and his wife were members of the First M. E. Church of Boston, transferring their connection to the First M. E. Church of Somerville on their removal there in May, 1867.

Mr. Ashley was a member of Willard C. Kinsley Post, G. A. R., of Somerville, and on the excursion of the Sheridan Veterans to Virginia he was appointed and served as commissary. He was also a member of the Knights of Honor. In 1880 he was appointed enumerator to take the Tenth Census in his district, including the manufactures in Somerville.

CHILDREN :

- i. CLARA ELLEN, b. 10 Dec. 1860 in Boston, Mass.; m. 17 Sept. 1891, Alexander Wylie and resides in Ashfield, Mass.
- ii. HENRIETTA SUMNER, b. 23 June 1863 in Charlestown, Mass.; m. 21 Feb. 1890, Alfred Philip Carroll and resides in Salem, Mass.
- iii. FLORENCE BERTHA, b. 18 June 1865 in Charlestown; m. 23 Oct. 1895, Wilbur Clifton Temple and resides in Somerville, Mass.

- iv. GEORGE FRANCIS, b. 10 Aug. 1875 in Somerville ; was graduated at the Somerville High School, Technology Course, in June, 1895, and resides in Somerville.

415. GEORGE BAILEY ASHLEY (*Naomi*^{398.vi}, *Noah*³⁹⁸, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 14 September 1847 in Port Huron, Mich. ; resides in Port Huron ; married 10 March 1868 in Ruby, Mich., MARY CATHERINE DAVIDSON, daughter of Henry and Zubeann (Herrick) Davidson, born 20 June 1852 in Lexington, Mich.

George Bailey Ashley was adopted in childhood by his uncle Alexander F. Ashley. He has continued to reside in his native place, Port Huron, Mich., and has been for nine years a mail carrier there, being the first one appointed in the city. He is a Democrat in politics.

CHILDREN BORN IN PORT HURON, MICH. :

- i. GEORGE HENRY, b. 26 May 1869 ; is a carpenter in Port Huron. He is unmarried.
- ii. ALEXANDER FIELD, b. 30 Oct. 1872 ; is a clerk in Port Huron. He is unmarried.
- iii. EDWIN CLARENCE, b. 12 June 1875 ; is a sailor out of Port Huron. He is unmarried.
- iv. ROXANNA, b. 11 June 1878 ; d. 28 Nov. 1879.
- v. CHARLES, b. 12 Oct. 1880.
- vi. MYRTLE, b. 30 Aug. 1884 ; d. 8 May 1889.

416. STEPHEN RANDALL ASHLEY (*Simeon*⁴¹¹, *Stephen*³⁹⁹, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*^t), born 7 October 1834 in East Longmeadow, Mass. ; resides in Springfield, Mass. ; married 20 January 1864 in Warren, Mass., ABBY F. TIDD, daughter of Dea. Samuel and Abigail (Rich) Tidd, born 1 December 1824 in Warren.

Stephen Randall Ashley is a carpenter by trade and resides in Springfield, Mass. He is a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted from Longmeadow September 24, 1862, in Company I, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, and was discharged July 29, 1863, at the expiration of his time of service. His regiment was on duty most of the time in North Carolina.

NO CHILDREN.

417. WARREN KING ASHLEY (*Simeon*⁴¹¹, *Stephen*³⁹⁹, *Stephen*³⁹², *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 9 December 1850 in East Longmeadow, Mass.; died 26 May 1888 in East Longmeadow; married 30 January 1877 in Wilbraham, Mass., HENRIETTA RUTH DEWEY, daughter of Henry and Harriet Newell (Fay) Dewey, born 30 January 1857 in Chester, Mass.; resides in East Longmeadow.

Warren King Ashley was a farmer and spent his life on the farm where he was born, the home-lot of which was the spot where his grandfather settled on coming to East Longmeadow.

Mr. Ashley did not desire public office, being sufficiently occupied with the management of his farm, which he added to and on which he took pleasure in carrying out improvements. He was an energetic farmer, and an upright and honest man. He was a member of the Congregational church.

CHILDREN BORN IN EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS. :

- i. MARY, b. 17 Nov. 1877; d. that day.
- ii. HENRY SIMEON, b. 27 Feb. 1879.
- iii. CHARLES WARREN, b. 27 Nov. 1881.
- iv. WILLMORE DEWEY, b. 3 Nov. 1886.

418. FRANK ASHLEY (*Lewis W.*⁴¹², *Joseph*⁴⁰¹, *Justin*³⁹⁴, *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 6 June 1854 in Paducah, Ky.; resides in Hellemans, Tex.; married 23 February 1875 in San Juan Mission, Bexar Co., Tex., ANITA GUTIERRES, daughter of San't Iago and Trinidad (Bustillo) Gutierrez, born 11 August 1858 in San Antonio, Tex.

Frank Ashley came with his father to San Antonio, Texas, and entered the business of raising cattle and horses in the open in 1867, at the age of thirteen, on his father's ranch. He writes, that he "hardly knew what a fence was." In 1875, when a new precinct was created, he was elected a justice of the peace, and served about six years, when he resigned. In 1885 he began trading in horses, buying and selling them by the drove, and also shipped Texas ponies to over a dozen States, and was in that business for some years. From 1885 to 1892 he was occupied in conducting his farms and pasture on the west bank of the San Antonio River, opposite San Juan



Frank Ashley

Mission. In the latter year he came to Hellemans, Tex., where he opened a general merchandise store, in which business he has continued up to the present time.

CHILDREN BORN NEAR SAN JUAN MISSION, TEX. :

- i. MARY ELLEN, b. 11 Dec. 1875.
- ii. JAMES FRANCIS, b. 28 July 1877.
- iii. JOSEPH EDWARD, b. 14 Aug. 1879.
- iv. ERMIMA, b. 3 Sept. 1882.
- v. LOUIS, b. 8 Feb. 1885.

419. LOUIS JOSEPH ASHLEY (*Lewis W.*⁴¹², *Joseph*⁴⁰¹, *Justin*³⁹⁴, *Joseph*³⁹⁰, *Joseph*³⁸⁹, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 18 August 1863 in Anna, Ill.; resides near San Antonio, Tex.; married 21 January 1892 in San Antonio, VIRGINIA HALFORD, daughter of William and Virginia (Stow) Halford, born 13 August 1877 in Montgomery, Ala.

Louis Joseph Ashley from boyhood has been in the stock business, raising cattle. He was for two years (1889-91) in the live stock commission business in San Antonio, Tex., the firm being Ashley, Lyford & Co. He is at present engaged in the stock business and farming near San Antonio.

CHILD BORN NEAR SAN ANTONIO, TEX. :

- i. DOUGLAS HATTEE, b 21 Jan. 1893.

420. HERBERT HORTON ASHLEY (*David F.*⁴¹³, *David*⁴⁰², *Daniel*³⁹⁵, *David*³⁹¹, *Joseph*³⁸⁰, *Joseph*³³⁷, *Robert*¹), born 4 October 1864 in Springfield, Mass.; resides in Springfield; married 19 January 1887 in Springfield, CORNELIA ANNA WRIGHT, daughter of Nelson John and Ann Elizabeth (Doremus) Wright, born 25 December 1865 in Suffield, Conn.

Herbert Horton Ashley is engaged in the oil business in Springfield, Mass., and puts up a line of specialties.

NO CHILDREN.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Page 41, line 4 from bottom. For Hopkins read *Clark*.
 Page 84, No. 34. MRS. ABIGAIL (WILLIAMS) ASHLEY d. 6 Feb. 1805.
 Page 84, No. 34, iii. ENOCH ASHLEY probably left a family.
 Page 110, Nos. iv and v. For * read †.
 Page 123, No. 62. THOMAS ASHLEY d. 2 Mar. 1848. MRS. SARAH (ENSIGN) ASHLEY d. 21 Aug. 1840.
 Page 159, footnote †. For Amos T. read Amos J. Parkhurst.
 Page 124, No. iii. ENSIGN ASHLEY d. 14 Dec. 1857, aged 66.
 Page 124, No. vi. LUCRETIA ASHLEY d. 21 Oct. 1890, aged 89.
 Page 159, No. 103. The parents of LUCY STURTEVANT were Caleb Sturtevant and Merriam Howe.

Page 174, No. 118, ii. ROSCOE BOYD ASHLEY, b. 1 Dec. 1824 in Conesus, N. Y.; resides in Los Angeles, Cal.; m., 1st, 11 Dec. 1855 in Victor, N. Y., FLORENCE F. EMBRY, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (——) Embry, b. 1 Oct. 1835; d. 8 May 1857 in Rochester, N. Y. He m., 2d, 10 Nov. 1864 in Rochester, ANNA MARIA HALL, dau. of Jonathan O. and Mary A. (Morse) Hall, b. 13 Jan. 1842.

CHILDREN BORN IN ROCHESTER, N. Y. :

By first wife :

- i. FRANK EMBRY, b. 13 Sept. 1856; resides in Victor, N. Y., unmarried.

By second wife :

- ii. GEORGE HALL, b. 9 Aug. 1866; was graduated at Cornell University in 1889 and Leland Stanford University in 1894; m. in Buffalo, N. Y., Mary E. Martin and resides in San Bernardino, Cal.
- iii. CHESTER CARLISLE, b. 10 Jan. 1868; m. 12 Mar. 1895 in Pasadena, Cal., Grace E. Bosley, dau. of Henry E. and Sarah E. (Sands) Bosley, and resides in Los Angeles, Cal.
- iv. FREDERIC MORSE, b. 24 Dec. 1870; resides in Los Angeles, unmarried.
- v. ROSCOE LEWIS, b. 22 June 1872; was graduated at Rochester University in 1894, and is a teacher in Los Angeles.

Page 174, No. 118, iii. ZIPPORAH E. ASHLEY m. J. Clark Wilcox of East Hamlin, N. Y.

Page 192, line 4 from bottom. For 1888 read 1838.

Page 332. Transpose the numbers iii and iv.

Page 334, line 10. For Willard read Millard.

Page 355, No. iii. HANNAH ASHLEY was b. 1773, not 1733.

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THE ASHLEY FAMILY.

I am preparing THE ASHLEY GENEALOGY, a history of the descendants of ROBERT ASHLEY, one of the first settlers of Springfield, Mass. Thus far I have been most successful in gathering the records of the earlier generations, and receiving prompt replies and a hearty endorsement of my undertaking from the members of the family now living to whom I have written for information concerning the later generations.

I began my work by visiting the localities where the early families of Robert Ashley's descendants settled, and personally examined and made extracts from the records of various kinds at Springfield, West Springfield, Westfield, Sheffield, Pittsfield, Deerfield, Stockbridge, Sunderland, Leverett and Longmeadow in Massachusetts, and Hartford and Windham in Connecticut. The system of record districts in Massachusetts rendered a visit to Northampton, Great Barrington and Greenfield also necessary. To supplement the information collected from these sources I have copied gravestones and rolls of military service, and examined hundreds of family and town histories and kindred books, and city, county and state directories.

From their birthplaces in Massachusetts and Connecticut the Ashleys emigrated to New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, and established themselves in Winchester, Claremont and Walpole, N. H., Shrewsbury and Vershire, Vt., and Catskill, Fort Ann, Hampton, Hudson, Lyons and Troy,

N. Y. Others settled in several towns in Chautauqua, Lewis, Livingston and Saratoga counties in the latter State and in Susquehanna county, Pa. From these places they have spread through New England, the Middle States and the West. While I expect that it may still be necessary for me to visit certain localities in New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, I must depend largely on correspondence for the information I seek of the Ashleys in these as well as the States further west.

As many who receive this circular will wish to know why I am preparing this history, I will say certainly not with the expectation of any pecuniary return for my labor, but simply as the recreation of my leisure hours. I am one of Robert Ashley's descendants, and would be glad to place the family records in a permanent form. If a sufficient number of the family show their interest in the work by furnishing the particulars I need to make a creditable book, I shall publish *THE ASHLEY GENEALOGY* and sell it as near the cost of printing as possible, considering the pleasure derived from a correspondence with the Ashleys in all parts of the country, and the feeling that through my efforts they have gained a wider knowledge of their ancestors and kindred, a sufficient reward for the time devoted to compiling the history. In the meantime you will be at no expense in the matter, not even for postage, nor does furnishing material for the history place you under any obligation to buy a copy of the book if it is published. All I ask is that my correspondents reply without delay to my letters of inquiry and not unnecessarily retard my work.

The Genealogy, if published, will contain what can be discovered as to the English ancestry of Robert Ashley, which is still in doubt, family registers, biographical sketches, epitaphs, copies of wills, inventories, deeds, and old letters and documents relating to the family, and will be illustrated by family portraits and pictures of some of the old Ashley home-

steads. I intend to make the biographical sketches a special feature of the book, and they will include as full an account as can be obtained of the services rendered by the Ashleys in the early colonial struggles and the later wars of the Republic, and their connection with the civil, educational and religious affairs of the communities where they lived. I therefore request correspondents to give full particulars on these subjects when writing of their own and their father's lives. I have already published two family histories, both of which have been highly commended for the completeness of their family registers and the fulness of their biographical sketches. From what I know so far of the Ashleys, *THE ASHLEY GENEALOGY* ought to be an interesting book, as so large a number of the family have occupied conspicuous places in the history of this country.

There were at least ten Ashleys, all supposed to be of separate stocks, who settled in America before 1685, and a large number have arrived since then. I intend to limit my *Genealogy* to the descendants of Robert Ashley, but may decide to enlarge the scope of my researches later. I shall be glad to have your coöperation, and hope you will give your immediate attention to the accompanying letter.

FRANCIS B. TROWBRIDGE,

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THE ASHLEY GENEALOGY

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FRANCIS B. TROWBRIDGE

Author of The Champion Genealogy and The Hoadley Genealogy.

This volume is devoted to the history of the descendants of ROBERT ASHLEY, who settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1638. The compiler has been particular to verify all early statements by a personal search in town, church, and probate records, among monumental inscriptions, and by consulting family, town, county, and state histories and kindred works. The information derived from these sources has been supplemented by interviews and correspondence with hundreds of the family all over the country, thus rescuing from oblivion much interesting family history and tradition. The material so laboriously collected has been arranged in an intelligible manner, and printed in a *handsome octavo volume* of nearly 500 pages, with clear type and on fine white paper, *thoroughly indexed*, embellished by *twenty-two portraits and views*, and an engraving of the *Ashley coat of arms*, and substantially and neatly bound in dark red cloth. After completeness in the *family registers*, it has been the special aim of the author to give *extended biographical sketches* of all heads of families and many others, in which he has been very successful. A novel feature of this book is the record of the Ashleys' services in the colonial and later wars of the Republic, full authorities for all such services being printed in foot-notes. This feature will add to the value of the book to members of the family who desire to join the various patriotic societies, and render it interesting to many who are unconnected with it. *Male lines* have been traced to the present

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The Genealogy is embellished by the following portraits and views: Ashley Homestead, Sunderland, Mass.; Ashley Monument, Ashley Falls, Mass.; Col. John Ashley's House, Ashley Falls, Mass.; Dr. Israel Ashley of Westfield, Mass.; Gen. John Ashley's House, Ashley Falls, Mass.; Capt. Stephen Ashley's Tavern, Troy, N. Y.; Ashley Homestead, Elm Street, Westfield, Mass.; Dr. Robert W. Ashley of Lyons, N. Y.; Rollin T. Ashley of Brooklyn, Pa.; "The Pines," Brooklyn, Pa.; Ralph Ashley of Brushy Prairie, Ind.; Ashley Homestead, Fort Ann, N. Y.; Ashley Homestead, West Springfield, Mass.; Jonathan Ashley of Deerfield, Mass.; Samuel Ashley of Dubuque, Iowa; Rev. William Bliss Ashley of Milwaukee, Wis.; William J. Ashley of Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Maurice C. Ashley of Middletown, N. Y.; Samuel Ashley of Providence, R. I.; Dr. Elijah Ashley of Windsor Locks, Conn.; Rev. Samuel S. Ashley of Northboro', Mass.; Church on Meeting-House Hill, West Springfield, Mass.; David Ashley House, West Springfield, Mass.; Col. Lewis W. Ashley of San Antonio, Texas; Frank Ashley of Hellemans, Texas.

The preparation of this Genealogy has occupied over two years, but the author does not expect remuneration for the time he has spent on the work (in fact the subscriptions are at present several hundred dollars behind the cost of publication), and has placed the price as near the cost of printing as possible.

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sell it at the actual cost it will be to me in money, considering the time I have devoted to it to have been spent in a very pleasant manner. The cost of the book will be nearly \$1500, which includes stationery and postage, traveling expenses, fees to public officials for searching records, photographs of homesteads taken at my expense, pictures in the book paid for by me, and printing and binding the book. I think my manuscript will make about 400 large octavo pages of print, and I will say that the paper, size of type, and general appearance of the book will be all that could be desired. The book will be embellished with a large number of portraits of prominent members of the family and views of old homesteads, copies of gravestones, abstracts of wills, newspaper obituaries, etc. There will also be an engraving of the Ashley coat of arms.

I have fixed the price of the book at \$5, if bound in cloth, and \$6.50, if bound in half morocco. I hope to be able to deliver the book, postage or express prepaid, at those prices, but may have to charge 25 cts. extra for carriage. You see, therefore, as the book will cost me \$1500, I must sell 300 copies to "come out even" on the venture. I hope to do so.

I do not need subscribers to enable me to publish my book, but, if you wish, you can subscribe for one or more copies in advance, using the enclosed postal card for that purpose, and stating the kind and color of binding you prefer—dark red or brown being the most serviceable color. Subscribers' names will be printed in a list in the "introduction" to the book. I hope next June to send you a circular announcing that the ASHLEY GENEALOGY is ready for delivery.

Do not send me any money in advance.

Please show this to your relatives.

Yours truly,

FRANCIS B. TROWBRIDGE,

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ASHLEY GENEALOGY.

It will take several weeks for the printers to set up the thousand sheets of foolscap which constitute the manuscript of the Ashley Genealogy. You may, therefore, continue to report any births, marriages and deaths, or changes of residence, in your family. You will understand that the enormous correspondence I have carried on has necessitated the informal letters I have written you. You know how particular I have been to gather every kind of information about your immediate branch of the family, and I have been just as particular in my enquiries of all my thousand odd correspondents.

I think the Ashley Genealogy will be a most satisfactory one to the family, as the family registers are very complete, and the biographical sketches are full of interesting facts. The book will prove invaluable to those of the family who desire to become members of the various patriotic societies, as I give in "foot notes" my authorities for all statements as to the services of the Ashleys in the early colonial struggles and the later wars of the republic.

Families bearing the name of Ashley are brought down to date, but the "female lines" are not carried beyond the date of marriage and place of residence. That is, the children of Ashley women do not appear in the book. To have carried out the descendants in the "female lines" would have made so large a book that it would have had to have been published in two volumes, and could not have been sold at a price within the means of most of the family. But additional facts about the "female lines" may be fully recorded on pages which will be prepared for that purpose at the end of the book. These pages are also designed for the recording of future births, marriages and deaths in either "male" or "female lines."

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